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BURMA ROAD CAPITAL REMEMBERS THE BUSTLE

TRAFFIC IN CONTRABAND

Kunming, August 9.

The past three years have largely erased all signs of the hustle and bustle which made this isolated city one of the largest American war-time bases in China.

Terminus of the famous Burma road, the Yunnan capital has slipped gradually since V-J day back into its lethargic habits of pre-war days.

Its shops seldom open before 11 o'clock, and even then, some unbar their doors only after policemen have knocked demanding on them. Its streets, while thick with Chinese and native tribesmen from the nearby rural villages, have but a fraction of their war-time traffic. Kunming has returned to what it was before thousands of American troops, planes and trucks converted it into a lively metropolis. It is again a quiet, sleepy inland city of 350,000 people.

The Burma road lifeline which poured men and supplies into China during the crucial days of the war with Japan is still open. Over it move most of the imports and exports for Yunnan province. But the road of military significance, piloted by reckless American drivers, has been replaced by the asthmatic cough of coke-burning trucks. At least half the vehicles carrying passengers and cargo over the winding, twisting route use coke as fuel.

Officials here admit that much of the Burma road traffic is contraband—shipments which evaded payment of customs on the Burmese or Indo-Chinese borders. To curb the smuggling trade special inspection posts have been established a few kilometres below Kunming. But it is by no means uncommon to see loaded trucks halt one curve short of the customs posts while the bulk of their cargoes are transferred to the backs of coolies for a shortcut through the hills at Kunming.

GRANT TO MALAYAN UNIVERSITY

Singapore, August 8.

The University of Malaya will probably celebrate its Foundation Day next April 1. Sir Franklin Gimson, Governor of Singapore, told a press conference recently that a grant of £1,000,000, generous Britain's £1,000,000 grant toward the cost of the new institution, recently announced by the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech-Jones, this amount to about one-sixth of the total amount available for allocation in the Colonies for higher education in colleges and universities, he said.

Building a University, however, is an expensive undertaking, Sir Franklin pointed out. "I hope the grant will be supplemented by means of the local Government and private bodies," the Governor said. "A number of people have been very generous in the past and it is hoped that their generosity will be displayed in the future."

While the new University will be costly, in the long run, it is more of an investment than an expenditure, he stated. Eventually Malaya will reap the benefit in well-educated citizens, capable of handling affairs of Government.—Associated Press.

Reminders

Today

H. K. Rotary Club luncheon, Roof Garden H. K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Swimming Championships, Lat Pau Swimming Club, at Chinese YMCA, Bridge's St., 7 p.m.
H. K. Football Association, meeting, Prince's Bldg., 8.15 p.m.
Lecture on "The Coming of Christ," St. John's Cathedral Hall, 8.30 p.m.
H.K. Stage Club, general meeting, 8.30 p.m.
Sessions to women, 8 p.m. Bridge Drive, European YMCA, West Lounge, 8 p.m.
Lawn Bowls, Open Rinks Championship, at KEGC, CCC, HKFC, KCC, KDC, HKCC.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Toc H Meeting Talbot House, 50 Macdonnell Rd., 8.30 p.m.
Games, Morning, European YMCA (Women's Section), 10 a.m.
Lecture on "The Return of Man," St. John's Cathedral Hall, 8.30 p.m.
Legislative Council meeting, at 2.30 p.m.
Swimming Championships, Lat Pau Swimming Club, at Chinese YMCA, Bridge's St., 7 p.m.
THURSDAY
Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
FRIDAY
Swimming Championships, Lat Pau Swimming Club, at Chinese YMCA, Bridge's St., 7 p.m.

BEAUTY IN BATAVIA

Batavia, Java, August 9. Six young Indonesian women—three of them married and mothers—have joined together in an effort to break the ancient taboo against Indonesian women visiting a public beauty shop.

Their first step has been to open a beauty shop—the first ever operated by and for Indonesian women here. In the past Indonesian women were forced by tradition to call beauty operators into their homes. Modern Indonesian women thought that system expensive and unlikely to produce good results. Finally six of the best of good family—decided to do something about it.

All took an intensive training course in American and European beauty techniques, studying dermatology, massage, hair-dressing, manicure and the manufacture and use of cosmetics.

But their treatments are unique, for to modern practice they added age-old East Indian treatments for poor skin, dull hair and other beauty handicaps. These beauty secrets had been handed down from mother to daughter for centuries.

To top it off, the serious-minded Indonesian beauticians took courses in diet and studied what could be done for the figure, muscle tone and general health.

To give treatment another local flavor, the girls offer advice on the colour and texture of costumes—both sarongs and westerns—which go with the light tan Indonesian complexion.

Now Indonesian women are beginning to keep up for treatment. One of the customers are told: the "new look" is not for Indonesian girls. The beauticians explained East Indian women are too short for longer skirts—and in revolution-ravaged Indonesia there is not enough cloth available for them anyway.—Associated Press.

Truce Talks With Abdullah

Amman, August 8.

King Abdullah of Transjordan discussed the Jerusalem situation today with a United Nations representative and his highest military advisers.

He gave an audience, lasting more than an hour, to the Chairman of the Jerusalem Consultative Truce Commission, Jean Nieuwenhuys, who is the Belgian Consul General and Frank Begley, a United Nations security officer.

They said afterwards: "Our visit to Amman has been highly satisfactory."

They will report to the United Nations mediator, Count Folke Bernadotte, at Jerusalem tomorrow.

Mr. Begley told reporters that he had asked the Jews to permit 400 Arab civilians to return to their homes in Zubeir and Ajlul villages near the Jordan. Amman, halfway from which they were driven by the Jewish troops since the present truce began.

He said that he expected the settlement to take place today. Just before the King gave the audience to the United Nations representatives, the Minister for Defence Fawzi Malky, who was formerly Foreign Minister and Glubb Pasha, British Commander of the Transjordan Arab Legion, conferred with the King.—Associated Press.

Violation Of Palestine Truce

Jerusalem, August 8.

At least three Arab Legion troops and one Jewish soldier were hit during an exchange of fire today in the Arab-Jewish border-line territory near the Shekh Jarrah sector, outside the Jerusalem old city walls, an official Jewish source said.

An Arab fired two mortar shells at a Jewish position on Mount Zion from the old city wall, the source added. Sporadic rifle and automatic fire was directed at the Jerusalem Jewish suburb of Tel-Aviv and was returned by Israeli soldiers.

Planes taking the United Nations observers were for the first time over the Jerusalem area today. The violation of the present second Palestine truce now in its fourth week.

The United Nations mediator, Count Folke Bernadotte, is expected to visit the Jerusalem area tomorrow.—Associated Press.

Art Show In Jail

Kuala Lumpur, August 9.

One of the finest collections in existence of Malayan slave and art has found a temporary home in jail.

It was a gift to the Malayan Government of the late Sir Frank Swettenham, one of the most famous of the pre-war heads of the British Government in Malaya.

For safe keeping, the collection is being kept in Kuala Lumpur. The permanent home will be the Kuala Lumpur Museum, which still has to be rebuilt.—Associated Press.

FREIGHTER DRIFTED

Sydney, August 8.

The Greek freighter, Panachristidis Vasilios, was towed into Fremantle today by the West Australian tug Kybra on the freighter's 53rd day out from Aden.

The ship's engines broke down 600 miles north-west of Fremantle and she drifted several days before the Kybra took her in tow.

The ship's officers told reporters that their rations had dwindled to very poor standards during the last few days.—Associated Press.

BROWDER REJECTED

New York, August 8.

The US Communist Party has refused to reelect its expelled national leader, Earl Browder. In an unanimous vote, the Party's 14th annual convention rejected his appeal for restoration to membership.

War-time Communist leader and once the symbol of the Party in America, Browder was expelled after he was accused of favouring co-operation with capitalism.—Associated Press.

DELEGATE ATTACKED

Shanghai, August 9.

Miss Wang Kwan-ling, a woman delegate to the National Assembly, was violently wounded when she was attacked by a man named Li Cheng-kwang with an iron bar at her home early yesterday morning, according to Chinese reports.

Suffering from a fractured skull, her condition is described by doctors today as very serious. The police are investigating the case of the alleged assailant.—Associated Press.

FIRE ON BOARD WARTIME TROOPER

Fire aboard the 9,000-ton motor vessel Glenroy sent two fire appliances from the Kowloon Fire Brigade Station to No. 1 Holt's Wharf on Sunday afternoon.

The small blaze, however, was smothered before the arrival of the firefighters. No one was injured. Nothing was damaged, except for a slightly scorched deck.

Workmen on the top deck, stuffing the grooves on the deck floor with fibres and tarring them to make the floor waterproof, accidentally overturned a bucket of tar, which caught fire.

Prompt work by the workmen extinguished the fire, which was smothered by blankets.

The Glenroy, the last of the three famous wartime "Glen" sisters—Glenearn, Glenlyde and Glenroy—which saw much service as infantry assault vessels, arrived here last Friday from London on her maiden peacetime voyage to the Far East via Port Said.

She carried nine passengers. The work of conversion has been carried out by Silley, Cox & Co., Ltd., Falkmouth, and the vessel is almost a replica of her war-time appearance.

Like her sister ships, the Glenroy has one of the best and most comfortable lounges for the 19 passengers and an accompanying cabin and public rooms consists of various woods, including walnut and Canadian siltwood.

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After the evacuation of the Lemos Island in 1941 when she carried 750 British troops, 39 vehicles and all army stores, the Glenroy was sent to Ceylon.

En route she escaped enemy bombing attacks miraculously; not one of the 60 missiles from German aircraft hit her.

She encountered the enemy again while she was on her way to Tobruk. The Glenroy was torpedoed, but prompt repair work enabled her to be the flagship of a group of the Normandy Invasion Fleet. During operations there she struck a mine and, badly holed, she had to be towed home.

The Glenroy was again repaired in time to see action in the Italian Campaign, and when the Japanese capitulated she was at the West Coast of Malaya.

Mr. J. H. Brown is master of the vessel.

READER'S LETTER

Sir,—With reference to your front page "P.W.D. WARNING TO RESIDENTS" story in the "China Mail," I am a little puzzled as to how residents may be warned by the authorities regarding new buildings, condemned as dangerous.

It is not usual for the Building Authorities or the Architectural Office to inspect thoroughly, newly built buildings before tenants are allowed to move in.

In the Wanchai market area, there are many new flats built. They are of the same design and I happen to live in one of them.

During the ordinary rainy days, the walls of my house, as well as those on the other floors, are damp and at parts the dampness is visible. When the typhoon came, the walls and ceiling were wet and although we have had a couple of days of sunshine after the typhoon, up to the time of writing, many parts are still damp.

The corridor and the bathroom, have floors slanting inwards. Pools of water are formed and to top this off, there is no outlet in the bathroom!

There may be a contradiction in my living in an old or rebuilt house. As far as I know, the house was bombed out and a new one built.

From what I see, a new house of this kind is a bad idea. I am sure to build one to rebuild one takes a little over a month!

In the hope that something will be done by the authorities concerned, the above facts have been brought out to their notice.—BAB.

BAN ON JAP NAMES

Tokyo, August 8.

The world-famous Zaibatsu names in Japan will disappear by a Japanese Government ordinance, it was learned today.

Eleven companies, designated for dissolution, will have their names in future banned.—Reuter.

OPIUM CACHE

Bangkok, August 8.

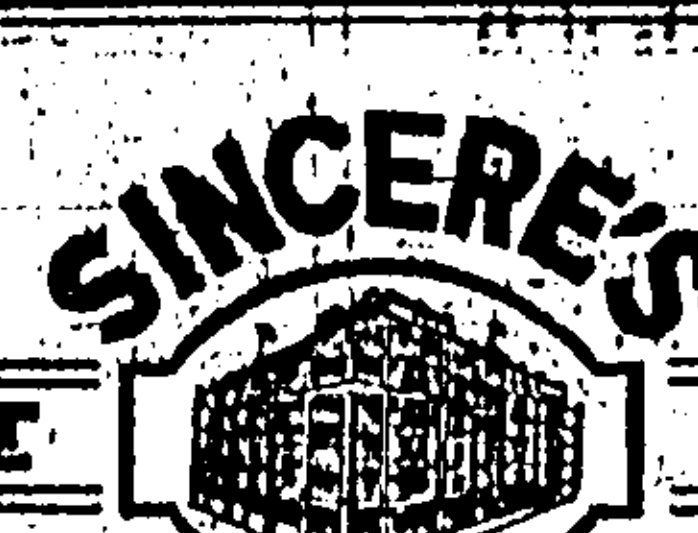
A locomotive's firewood provided a hiding place for 4,000 grams of opium seized by Siam police recently.

When the discovery was made, the engine driver kept out of the engine room and fled out of the locomotive.—Reuter.

NO MAGNETISM

London, August 7.

Ministers have today rejected a proposal to investigate the alleged magnetism of a fisherman's net, which was reported to have attracted a large number of fish.



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G. H. THOMAS, Ag. Director of Medical Services.

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MALAYAN UNIONS THREATENED BY WAR

Kuala Lumpur, August 9.

Current terrorism in Malaya and the public fear of it may strike a real blow at Communists who, government officials say, until now have dominated 70 per cent of the country's trade unions.

But Senior Government officials and Labour sympathisers alike say that the workers will not be made scapegoats for current terrorism in the Peninsula. This terrorism officials blame on Communist agitators and organisers who, they say, have all too often been Labour's leaders here.

One does not have to talk to many Malaysians to find that the most conservative sections of the planting, mining and commercial communities—and some Government officials as well—see the current "Red fear" as a golden opportunity to do away with trade unions which these groups think never should have been allowed to develop.

Opposed to them is a determined group of Government policy-makers like the Commissioner General, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, lesser Government officials, Labour leaders and many employers. These see the Government's assumption of emergency powers and new labour legislation—some of it unlike anything ever passed before in a British Government—as an opportunity to purge the unions of Communist leadership.

As these people see it, trade unions are here to stay, the products not of post-war develop-

ments and a British Labour Government's desire to foster unions but rather the culmination of a movement which started back in the 1920's in Malaya. In their view, the problem of the British in Malaya is not to throttle the unions, but to educate them, and to keep them away from the domination of those who would use them to undermine Malayan economy and drive the British out.

The Labour population in Malaya's mainland at the end of 1947 totalled 446,334—204,723 Indians, 141,486 Chinese, 78,064 Malays and 20,001 Javanese and Sumatrans. Of these 328,500 were on rubber estates and 36,400 in the tin mines.

At the end of 1947, less than half those workers were organised into unions—about 200,000, and a number of other unions were awaiting Government approval before being registered. More than 75,000 labourers on the Malay Peninsula are members of registered unions. Communist leadership has been strongest in the rubber and tin workers' union.

Increased Cost of Living The enormously increased post-war cost of living, due chiefly to the high cost of rice and wages increases, are the main causes of labour unrest in Malaya today. But recently most of the country's planters adopted wage scales recommended by a Wages Commission on which labour leaders, economists, employers and Government officials sat. The cost of living has also declined slightly this year.

Government labour experts insist that current terrorism in Malaya did not spring from labour difficulties, though Malaya during 1946 and 1947 had numerous strikes. The terrorism was inspired, they say, by Communist leaders of many of the unions, and particularly of the Pan-Malayan Federation of Trade Unions, an overall organisation which until outlawed recently controlled practically all the trade unions in the country's major industries, tin and rubber planting.

The Singapore Free Press, Malaya's leading afternoon newspaper, pointed out that if the current troubles had arisen from labour unrest, the bulk of the country's workers would not be still at work, producing as much as ever, and in many cases banding together to defend the estates and the managers, which the Free Press said they were doing.

But the terrorism, the emergency powers which the British Government has assumed to fight it, and the apprehensive state of public mind it has caused, may speed the Government a long way toward getting the unions into the hands of the people it wants to see controlling them—that it describes as non-Communist leaders from the union rank-and-file.—Associated Press.

Curfew In Manchuria

Nanking, August 9. Mukden and other parts of the Government area in Manchuria were placed under strict curfew regulations by a Presidential order which strikes at student demonstrations and other disorders, it was reported here.

At the same time, the Central News said the Reds had resumed bombardment of starving Changchun, dropping mortar and artillery shells into the city from Tsuchengsheng airfield.

Further south, the official military news agency reported the Communists were withdrawing from the steel centre of Anshan, with Government units edging into its suburbs. The report said the Communists dismantled key machines in Anshan and transported them to the Korean border city of Anju.

In Central China, the Peace Daily said General Hu Taung-ran's troops captured Lotung, Langkat railway.

Fighting continued around isolated Tsinan with cannon fire clearly audible within the city, reports from the Shantung capital said.—Associated Press.

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CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"But Herkimer says it just has to be a short engagement, mother—so he can get the ring back to the finance company!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

MAJORS HAVE AN EDGE

PLAYERS of pretty fair ability—the overwhelming majority of them—seem never to know the difference between major and minor suit-lengths as reasons for opening or not opening the bidding. They have learned that a certain amount of honour strength is one requirement of a sound opening bid, and that the length of suits is another. But when a hand is right on the borderline between an opening bid and a pass, the question of major versus minor becomes paramount. Often the side with a preponderance of major suit cards can take the same number of tricks in its best declaration as its opponents can in their best. When that is the case, the minor suit holders are obliged to overbid a level and take a one-trick beating in order to capture the contract.

That bidding is not recommended. It is thoroughly unsound. But it does illustrate clearly the difference between majors and minors as desirable material for opening the auction.

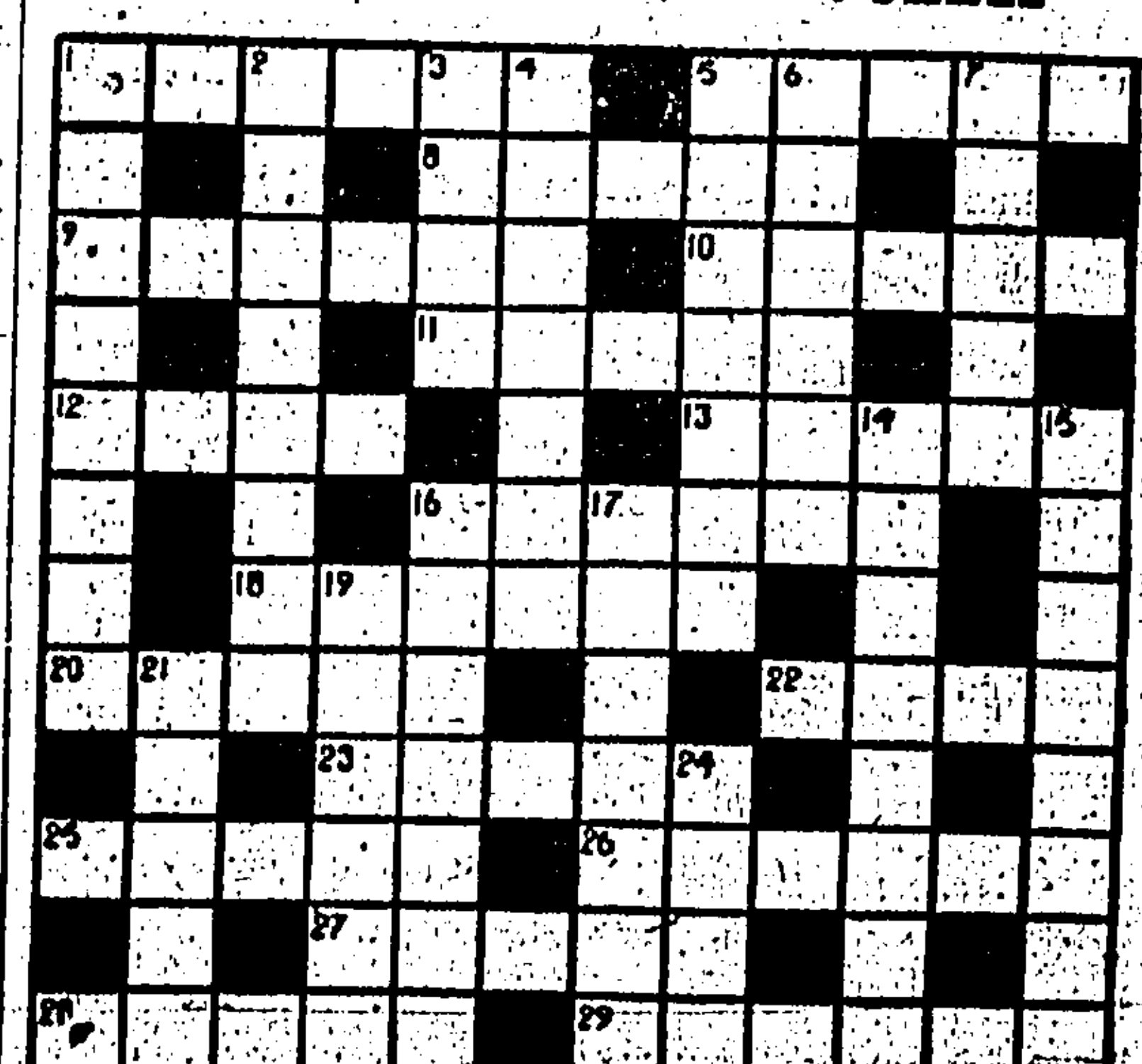
South has an irreducible minimum with his four-card suits and his three honour tricks. He should, therefore, have consulted the factor of majors versus minors and thus resolved his problem in favour of a pass. But he didn't.

South was unable to take the contract away from his opponents except by bidding one level higher than they, which also happened to be one level higher than he could make. He lost two in spades, two in hearts and one in diamonds, and was set one.

You will notice, upon study of the situation, that West could have made the last contract for which he bid, 2-Hearts. He would have lost only five tricks by natural play, one in spades, two in diamonds and two in clubs.

When is the rebid of a suit a sign-off? When is it not a sign-off?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

- 1 Cold
- 5 Uncertainty
- 8 Copy
- 9 Denudes
- 10 Ghastly
- 11 Purlown
- 12 Carousal
- 13 Narrow
- 14 Wards
- 15 Point
- 16 Exit
- 18 Coloured
- 20 Aroma
- 22 Vernacular
- 23 Cog
- 26 Inexperienced
- 26 Refugees
- 27 Jollification
- 28 Mixture
- 29 Wakened

Clues Down

- 1 Garlands
- 2 Supply with equal
- 3 Little
- 4 Remote
- 5 Swelled
- 6 Visual
- 7 Salt water
- 14 Without
- 15 Set free
- 16 Chanled
- 17 Moor plant
- 19 Incarcerate
- 21 Song
- 24 Luminous
- 25 circle

Yesterday's Crossword

- Across—3 Acid, 7 Flee, 9 Ever, 9 Bury, 10 Imitate, 12 Dusk, 15 Crave, 16 Proxy, 18 Rejoice, 21 Solder, 23 Biped, 25 127, 26 Rupt, 28 Glass, 29

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BURGLER DETECTIVE'S FLAT

Military Lorry Driver Inexperienced

Choi Sang, 21 years of age, had been driving for only two months and consequently did not have sufficient experience to drive a three-ton military lorry, said Traffic Sub-Inspector W.P. Apps at Kowloon yesterday.

Charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer with dangerous driving and driving without due care and attention, Choi was found guilty on the minor charge and fined \$50. He was also ordered to pay \$25 to the woman he knocked down.

Sub-Inspector Apps said defendant was driving military lorry A 3705 at Yen Chau Street from Castle Peak Road to Latchuk Road on July 31 when a Chinese woman, Lung Lai-yin, crossed the road as the vehicle was approaching Cheungshawan Road.

The driver sounded the horn but the woman continued walking and, when the lorry was close to her, started to dart across the road and ran into the offside front part of the lorry.

Defendant did not stop his truck immediately but pulled up after it had travelled 45 yards along Cheungshawan Road. As he was backing towards the woman, a constable arrived on the scene and took him back to where the woman, suffering from head injuries, was lying. She was removed to the Kowloon Hospital where she was detained for four days.

When he was questioned by SI Apps, Choi said that he was going at 20 m.p.h. and did not slacken speed when he was approaching Cheungshawan Road. He has had two months' driving experience which, in the opinion of the prosecution officer, was insufficient for him to handle a three-tonner.

STREET WALKERS ARRESTED

Three street walkers were each bound over in the sum of \$50 for 12 months when they admitted before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday the charge of loitering.

Wong Nui, 24-year-old widow, and Lee Sam-mui, 20-year-old spinster, were arrested by Inspector T. Collins at Ningpo Street near Parkes Street in the small hours of yesterday morning, said Inspector J. Orem.

Poon Ah-yung, 28-year-old widow, was arrested on Sunday night at Peking Road near Nathan Road.

If accused knew that the flat he was trying to burgle was occupied by a detective attached to the Yaumati CID he would not have been so foolhardy as to make the attempt, said Inspector J. Orem when Tam Wing-chung was charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday with attempted burglary and possession of housebreaking instruments.

Detective Wong Leung, living at 2, Bowring Street, first floor, was awakened at 2 a.m. on August 8 by the sound of someone trying to open the front door.

He got out of bed, suddenly pulled open the door and saw Tam standing near it. Accused ran down the stairs but was arrested a short distance up the street.

In his possession was a torch, a knife and 10 keys, said Inspector Orem, adding that accused had a previous conviction in 1947 for loitering and offering a bribe, and one in January this year for housebreaking.

He was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour and recommended for banishment.

HAWKER OFFERED BRIBE

While being brought to the Yaumati Police Station to be charged with hawking without a licence and obstruction, Chan Kau, an 18-year-old hawker, took out a \$5 note and offered it to his captor, PC 250 Chiu Hol, to "drink tea" on Saturday evening.

He found himself before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday, charged with two hawking offences and with offering a bribe to a police constable. He was fined a total of \$240 or two months' hard labour.

Inspector J. Orem said that defendant, hawking roasted ducks, was arrested by the constable at Bowring Street and was brought to the Yaumati Police Station when, at Canton Road, he offered the \$5 "tea money."

SOLDIER REMANDED

Private Gerard Pearce, RASC, aged 20 years, stationed at Shamshulpo Camp, was remanded until today when he pleaded guilty before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday to the charge of larceny.

Wat Kan, 20 years, engineer of 326 Portland Street, ground floor, was remanded for the same period on his entering a not guilty plea to the charge of receiving stolen property.

It was alleged by Detective Sub-Inspector D. S. Roberts that Pearce stole two boxes of stocks and dies from the RASC Depot at Shamshulpo and sold them to Wat on August 6.

Woman Burglar

A 30-year-old Chinese woman, Kwan Lai-ha, was charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday on two counts of burglary at the third and second floors of 4 Chatham Road between 9.45 and 10 p.m. on Saturday.

It was alleged that she first entered the residence of Captain De Carte on the third floor and stole a wrist watch, a gold bangle, and a silver bracelet set with three topazes.

A quarter of an hour later, she was down on the second floor, occupied by Major Bailey, where she stole a wrist watch, a fountain pen and a propelling pencil.

On the application of Inspector J. Orem, accused was remanded for three days in custody.

PRODUCED GOLD AT KAI TAK

When a CATC plane put down at Kai Tak for re-fuelling on Saturday afternoon, its transit passengers were, according to International Law, asked to leave the plane, without their luggage, and go to the waiting room after passing through the Customs and Revenue barriers.

Two of such passengers, Major Wong Sheung-bun, aged 32, and Leung Bick-lin, 40-year-old married woman, booked direct from Shanghai to Canton, told the Excise officers that they had 44 taels and seven taels of gold respectively.

When they produced the bullion, the gold was seized and they were brought to Kowloon City Police Station where they were charged with importing gold without a permit.

On their being charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday they were, on the application of Mr. Marcus da Silva, remanded for three days on bail of \$100 for Major Wong and \$50 for Leung Bick-lin.

Indian Constable Accused

The allegation that an Indian constable struck him, dragged him up the stairs, and forcibly committed an act of gross indecency against him, was made by Li Kwok-tsun, shop foki of Sheung Shui, before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

Constable 3055 Hazara Singh, aged 35, was assigned before the magistrate on committal proceedings on four counts in connection with the alleged act on the stairway of 4 Fuk Wing Street about 1 a.m. on July 21.

Detective-Inspector C. Dowman was for the prosecution, and Mr. C.A. Sutherland Russ represented the accused.

In evidence, Li said that on July 20, he went to the little built-in place at the foot of the stairs of 4 Fuk Wing Street, where he slept every night.

About 1 a.m. he was awakened by a blow on his side and saw an Indian (whom he identified as accused) who, speaking in Cantonese, told him to keep quiet.

He was then held by the neck by defendant, alleged witness, and pushed up the stairs, without his knowing what it was all about. After the Indian succeeded in his act, witness shouted out "Save life," and, at the same time, struggled.

He saw the Indian running away, and he and his master chased after the man. In response to cries of "save life," four Chinese constables intercepted accused at Tai Po Road.

After he had made his complaint to the constables, said witness, they tried to bring the Indian to the police station. On the man trying to escape, the constables grabbed him by the hair and had, finally, to drag him into the police van which arrived shortly afterwards.

Medical evidence was given by Dr. Khoo Boo-say, Assistant Medical Officer of Kowloon Hospital, and Dr. R. E. Alvares, Government Pathologist.

After corroborative and police evidence, accused was committed for trial.

Banished for life on October 22 last year, Fan Ching-hin was arrested by two detectives at South Wall Road on Saturday afternoon. On being charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday with returning from banishment, defendant pleaded that he came back to exhumate the remains of his father.

He was sentenced to a year's hard labour and recommended to be rebanished. Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans prosecuted.

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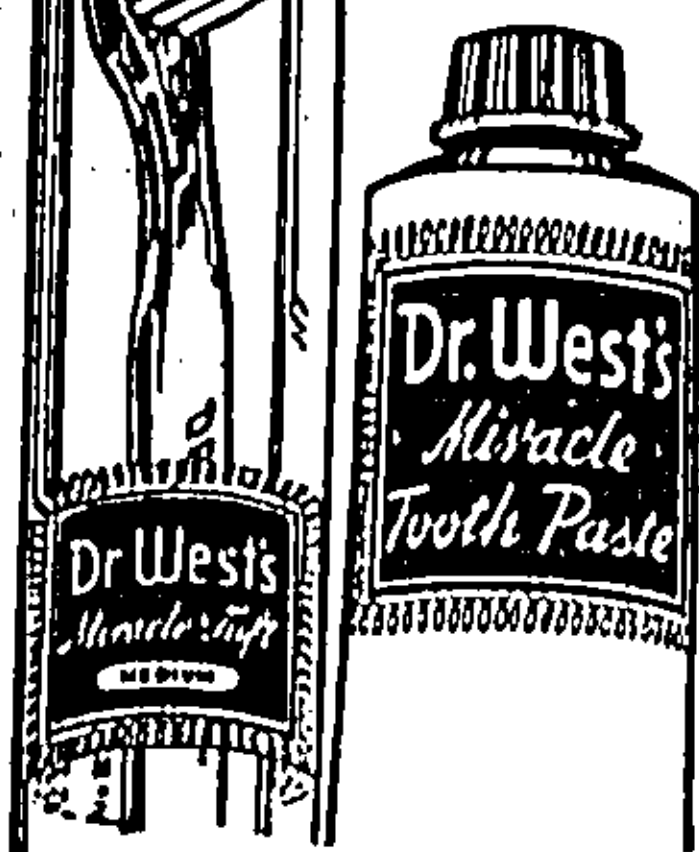
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President Truman Authorises Consignment

The Military Aid Programme

Washington, August 8. Senator Styles Bridges disclosed in a statement today that President Truman has authorised the armed services to make arms available to China under the \$125,000,000 military aid programme to combat the Chinese Communists.

He revealed that the President, in a letter to him, said that assistance did not mean that the United States will take the responsibility for the Nationalist government policies.

The Senator declared that Truman followed a deliberate and inexcusable policy of inaction and delay in China which has enabled Russia to gain strength in the Far East. He said up to date only \$9,000,000 or 1/14th of the \$125,000,000 made available to Chiang by Congress has been allotted. The President's letter when Bridges included with his own statement was the first definite administration statement of the status of the programme which became law on April 3. It said: "I have directed the Secretary of Defence to render appropriate assistance to the Chinese Government in acquisition of such military supplies as the Chinese Government may request."

He said that due consideration will be given to the outline of the aid programme suggested by the Army Secretary, Mr. Kenneth Royall, and the Army Planning Chief, Lieutenant General Albert Wedemeyer. Their views were given to both House and Senate Appropriations Committees.

Not Responsible

"Assistance furnished under this programme shall not be construed, expressed or implied as an assumption by the United States of any responsibility for policies, acts or undertakings of the Republic of China or for conditions which may prevail in China at any time," the President added.

Bridges pointed out that if the Chinese are unable to go to the United States Army, Navy and other Government agencies for material and arms procurement, it would be "enormously expensive and inefficient" because private Chinese procurement agents would have to go to United States factories.

Informed sources believed that Bridges' views foreshadowed an expanded air programme.

for China if the Republicans win the November election, particularly in military aid to fight the Communists. Bridges, for example, said in his statement that the United States has been "lax in filling its moral commitments to the Chinese nation."

He said that the United States has "lost tremendous advantage through our laxity because we have allowed the Soviet Union to gain by default so strong a position in the East." Specifically Bridges charged that Truman delayed four months between the time Congress made the arms aid money available to the time of the first payment to the Chinese.

He added that the Truman administration is "in open conflict" with Congress and said the policy "cannot by any stretch of language be termed a bi-partisan policy," continuing, "It is my hope that a new policy has been forced by Congressional action. It is my hope that tactics of deliberate delay which the administration has shown in relation with the Chinese Government are at an end."—United Press.

RED HERRINGS

New York, August 8. Mr. Henry Wallace today condemned the spy investigations of the House Un-American Activities Committee and said President Truman was right in calling the hearings a red herring.

The Third Party leader said the hearings were "designed to distract people from their real problems, which Congress has failed to solve," and were of a pattern which was the "same as that which developed in Germany in the 1930's."—United Press.

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Skirts Are Going Up Again

Paris, August 8. M. Christian Dior, the man who created the "New Look," is fighting for its survival in the Paris autumn showings. Every house except his, mannequins are showing Dior's style, but the Dior girls keep the natural waistline and look younger and lighter than ever. The general feeling is that M. Dior has lost interest in designing for dollars and is "just designing for Dior." The top fashion houses agree on only one trend, that skirts are going up again. Lengths range from 25 to 38 centimetres from the ground, even for some of the Dior models.—Reuter.

French Convoy Ambushed

Salgon, August 8. Forces of the Indo-Chinese autonomy movement of Viet Minh ambushed a French military convoy at Rachgia, South West of Saigon, last Wednesday. It was officially announced today that at least 28 French soldiers were killed. Observers in Saigon regard the attack as a sign that Viet Minh is beginning to intensify its guerrilla warfare, particularly in Tonkin. The situation in Saigon is calm following the strict security measures taken by the police, but an increasing number of attacks on French convoys and the military posts in Tonkin and Cochinchina have been reported recently.—Reuter.

WOMAN'S BID FOR FLIGHT RECORDS

Washington, August 8.

Mrs. Diana C. Cyrus, 25-year-old aviatrix from Santa Paula, California, will take off on a round-the-world solo flight between August 20 and 25, bent on capturing at least three records.

An attractive brunette with much flying experience, Mrs. Cyrus will pilot a British Mosquito fighter-bomber. If she completes her mission according to her flight plan, she will hold these records: first woman

ever to fly around the world solo, first round-the-world flight over an official course, fastest flight around the world.

Her flight plan, according to the National Aeronautic Association, calls for a San Francisco to San Francisco time of 69 hours five minutes, including only five hours on the ground for the entire trip.

She will take off in her 400-mph twin-engine plane at about 5.45 a.m. on her target date and fly this course:

San Francisco to New York Idlewild airport, 8 hours 25 mins; New York to Gander, Newfoundland, 3 hrs 20 mins; Gander to Paris, 7 hrs 10 mins; Paris to Cairo, 5 hrs 50 mins; Cairo to Karachi, Pakistan, 6 hrs 20 mins; Karachi to Calcutta, 3 hrs 40 mins; Calcutta to Shanghai, 6 hrs 10 mins; Shanghai to Tokyo, 5 hrs 10 mins; Tokyo to Midway, 9 hrs 20 mins; Midway to Honolulu, 3 hrs 50 mins; Honolulu to San Francisco, 6 hrs 30 mins.

Seven Years Later

Mrs. Cyrus is setting out seven years and five months after the flight of Amelia Earhart Putnam and Fred Noonan, which ended in disaster somewhere between New Guinea and Howland Island in the Pacific. What happened to the Earhart-noonan plane is still a mystery.—Reuter.

While numerous pilots have flown around the world, none has flown over an official course specified by the sporting aviation of which the National Aeronautic Association is the American affiliate.

The course must include a check-in at New York, one European capital, Karachi, Tokyo and San Francisco. The fastest time around the world was made last year by William Odom, P.C. Salles and Milton Reynolds in 78 hours 55 mins. 30 secs. With Odom at the controls, they flew an A-26 attack bomber 18,672 miles to take away from millionaire Howard Hughes the previous unofficial record of 91 hours 14 mins 10 secs. Hughes' course was 14,672 miles, flown in 1938.

The first round-the-world flight, in 1924, took 383 hours. Mrs. Cyrus plans not only to beat Odom's time by nearly 10 hours but to fly about 1,000 miles more.—United Press.

SHANGHAI FIRE DISASTER

Shanghai, August 9.

Fifty-one workers were burned to death and 39 seriously injured when a fire destroyed a Chinese shirt factory here last night. The death toll is expected to mount as the injured people are in a serious condition.

The Municipal Fire Brigade believe the cause of the fire was lightning, which hit five switchboards controlling ironing tables and machines. All the 120 workers as soon as the fire broke out, but many of them managed to jump to safety from the second, third and fourth floors.

Firemen brought 60 workers to the ground with the aid of turntables. More than 100 firemen battled the flames for over two hours before quelling the blaze.—Reuter.

Father's Day In Shanghai

Shanghai, August 7.

The Chinese population of Shanghai observed Father's Day yesterday with a special radio programme and the raising of a scholarship fund by young students of middle schools. Students sold flowers at CN\$300,000 each.

In a radio broadcast, Mr. Pan Kung-chan, Chairman of the City Council, urged the local public to observe filial piety and loyalty to the country. He declared that there was great significance in the celebration of Father's Day at the present time when the Communists are trying to ignore the existence of their Fatherland.—Reuter.

CHINA'S DISPUTE WITH SIAM

Bangkok, August 9.

Commenting on a United Press report from Nanking that Chinese diplomatic representatives in Bangkok have settled the schools dispute with the Siamese government, a spokesman for the Ministry of Education said today that while negotiations were proceeding satisfactorily, the Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Hsieh Pao Sao, had sought no alteration in the Siamese Private Schools Act.

SOONG RUMOURS REFUTED

Shanghai, August 9.

The Governor Kwangtung, Dr. T. V. Soong, will fly back to Canton as soon as the present economic conference in Nanking are over, well-informed Chinese sources here said today, denying rumours that the ex-Premier may be offered a post in the Central Government.

These sources said Dr. Soong had still a big task ahead of him in Kwangtung in reconstruction, bandit suppression and economic stabilisation. His present talks in Nanking are believed to include all these subjects.

Any improvement in the economic situation in Kwangtung as well as in other parts of the country could be expected only after the introduction of a stable currency and free trade.

If there is anyone who could divert overseas remittances from the underground via Hong Kong, and encourage essential imports to rebuild industry and tap natural resources in Kwangtung, it would be Dr. Soong, they added.

Meanwhile, a responsible Government official was quoted by the China Daily Tribune correspondent in Nanking as denying the rumour, which was believed to have originated from the Shanghai markets last Friday, about the suspension or withholding by the American Government of American aid.

The spokesman described the rumour as "completely groundless and altogether harmful to the excellent relations between the United States and China."

He continued: "To speak plainly, without any metaphor, both the Communists and all other anti-Government groups are fundamentally opposing American aid because it will benefit the Central Government in its campaign against the rebels and indirectly kill the latter's aspirations in every respect."—Reuter.

Pacific Scouts' Jamboree

Singapore, August 9.

Malaya plans to send a contingent of 80 boys to the Pacific Scout Jamboree in Australia if shipping accommodation is available.

Efforts are being made by the Malayan organisers and Australian authorities to secure passages for the boys to and from Australia.

The jamboree will be held from December 29 to January 9 at the "Yarra Brae" estate at Wonga Park, near Melbourne, in Victoria. South East Asia will be well represented. In addition to the tentative Malayan contingent, 200 scouts from Pakistan are expected, as well as large representative groups from China, the Philippines, Ceylon and India. It is expected that some 10,000 boy scouts from 40 countries will gather together in a united nations of youth.—Reuter.

Sino-Burma Boundary Studies

Nanking, August 8.

China may claim territory the size of Chekiang Province along the Sino-Burmese border as a result of boundary demarcation studies, a Foreign Office source said.

He was commenting on reports by the boundary mission for the Ministry of the Interior which has just returned from the Sino-Burmese border.

Recording frontier sites along a 380-mile line from Klenkowan (near Chaukan Pass) to Nanning, members of the mission worked through torrential rains and three different attacks by border tribesmen.

The area China will claim amounts to more than 100,000 square kilometres. It was understood.—Associated Press.

Indictment Demanded

Sacramento, California, August 8.

The national chairman of Mr. Henry Wallace's Progressive Party, Mr. Benson, called today for the indictment of Elizabeth Bentley and Louis Budenz for espionage.

Mr. Benson, a former Governor of Minnesota, made the statement in a speech to a meeting of the California State Central Committee of Mr. Wallace's party. He told the gathering, "I am absolutely sure that two people in America today, as newspaper readers and radio listeners know, are actually guilty of spying, against this country. They are Elizabeth Bentley and Budenz. They have admitted it."—United Press.

China Airlift To Tsinan

Shanghai, August 9.

The Nationalists have completed the airlifting of more than 10,000 crack troops from Tsinan to Tsinan, where the Communists were reported to be plotting a major offensive to wrest control of the Shantung provincial capital, according to Government dispatches today.

The dispatches said that patrol action has already broken out east as well as south of Tsinan, which is entirely isolated except by air.—United Press.

MARSHALL AID

Washington, August 8.

Authorisations for Marshall Plan procurements passed the \$1,000 million mark with an announcement of new authorisations today amounting to \$44,102,400, of which China will receive \$33,700,000.

The rest of the authorisations will be allotted to nine European nations and Trieste.—Reuter.

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Western Sector Police Arrested By Russians

Authorities Demanding Release

Berlin, August 8.
It was revealed today that the Russians had opened a new phase of the Berlin cold war by starting to arrest Western Sector police found in the Soviet quarter of the city.

A number of Western Sector policemen were arrested yesterday and the British authorities indicated that seizures continue. American sources said the German city authorities had demanded the immediate release of all officers.

The Soviet-controlled police started their new aggression late last night when they swept down on the homes of Western police who reside in the Russian Sector. Some of them were taken off without even being given time to dress.

The new Russian campaign resulted from the recent split in the Berlin police force. The city police chief, Paul Marquardt, a strong pro-Communist, was dismissed by the German city authorities, who elected in his place his deputy, John Stumm.

The Russians refuse to recognize Marquardt's dismissal and he is acting as police chief in the Soviet Sector. However, most of his men elected to go with Stumm to form a separate Western Sector police force.

Those policemen who are being arrested are Stumm's men who have continued to maintain homes in the Soviet sector because of the housing shortage.

RUSSIAN JOURNAL'S CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM

Berlin, August 8.
The official Soviet newspaper, *Taegisches Rundschau*, expressed cautious optimism today about settlement of the East-West differences over Germany.

Unemployed Round-up

The British-licensed newspaper *Social Demokrat* reported that Russian inspectors had started to round up Germans who were unable to prove they were employed. The newspaper said the Germans were being put into trucks and taken to an unknown destination.

Reports of the Soviet arrest coincided with dispatches from Vienna, which said four Russian soldiers "kidnapped" an unidentified man two days ago as he was leaving the Yugoslav Legation in the Austrian capital.

The Vienna police said the man put up a fierce fight, but he was overpowered and taken away in a motor car.

The Yugoslav Legation is in the international sector of Vienna, which is being administered by the Soviets this month.

Yugoslav Embassy officials could not be reached for comment, but observers said the arrest might have been connected with the recent denunciation of Yugoslavia by the Soviet-dominated Cominform.

Secret Police Trap
A British-licensed newspaper reported that Russian officials had set up a Soviet secret police

MANILA RICE RATIONING

Manila, August 8.
The rationing of rice will begin officially tomorrow, when some 50,000 Manilaans will start to draw their rations through consumer groups organized under the direction of the Government-owned National Rice and Corn Corporation.

Meanwhile, the city continued its campaign against hoarders and black marketers in an effort to stabilize the rice price and supply situation.—Reuter.

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2.05 p.m.—Programme Summary.
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2.15 p.m.—"Matilda goes to the South Sea."
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2.45 p.m.—Fred Hartley and His Music (BBC).

2.55 p.m.—"The Faithful Shepherd Suite" (Handel). London Philharmonic Orchestra.
3.00 p.m.—Stage and Screen Favourites presented by Aileen Woods (Radio).

3.05 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).
3.15 p.m.—"Much Blotter in the March" (BBC).

3.45 p.m.—An Orchestral Concert of British Composers—Presented by Clara Stanfield (Radio).

10.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).
10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
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Western Union And Empire

London, August 8.
Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Opposition leader, in a broadcast to British listeners tonight, said he understood there was some hostility to the proposals for a Western European Union on the ground that Great Britain must choose between a European Union and the British Empire.

"I see no such stark choice," he commented. "I should resist to the utmost any idea that Britain should incorporate herself as a constituent part of a Federation outside and detached from the Empire, and detached from the Empire with hope any movement among the European nations which would enhance their joint prospects of peace and prosperity."—Reuter.

Japanese Trading Programme

Tokyo, August 8.
The Bank of Tokyo revealed today the contents of the Japanese Board of Trade's export and import programme for trade with the Sterling areas, now being considered here by representatives of those countries.

A one-year programme planned to be effective last July 1, is said to call for Japanese exports totalling \$10,842,000, of which \$10,842,000 would be raw cotton and \$8,000,000 worth of miscellaneous exports.

The Board of Trade's proposed breakdown of imports is reported to include about 10 countries: Britain, India, Burma, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, Iraq, India, Ceylon and other East Indies ports.

India would get the largest allotment, \$1.5 million dollars, followed by Australia with \$7.9 million dollars.—United Press.

SOVIET YOUTH TRAINING

London, August 8.
Official Soviet sources have disclosed plans for the systematic semi-military education of Soviet youth.

The education will be carried out by three all-Union voluntary societies for assisting army, air force and navy, DOSARM, DOSAV and DOSFLOT.

The foundation of the organizations was announced on May 28 in a communiqué of three lines. The organizations have since chartered their tasks and started the membership recruiting campaign. They are working under military leadership and with the support of the Communist Youth League and the Soviet Trade Unions.—United Press.

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FOOD CRISIS IN RUSSIAN ZONE

Vigorous Soviet Measures

Berlin, August 8.
The Soviet-controlled press reported today strong punitive measures against hoarders, as the Russian occupation zone combatted what was believed to be a serious food crisis.

Stiff prison sentences are being imposed on farmers and food distributors who conceal stocks or divert them into the black market.

The Soviet military governor Sokolovsky told the Germans of the eastern zone that to eat more they must produce more grain.

He announced his approved agriculture programme for 1946 which demands the cultivation of maximum acreage and promised that "next year there will be enough fertilizers and more machinery."

Dispatches in Western-licensed newspapers—which the Russians have not denied—have reported hunger demonstrations recently in many cities of the Russian zone. (Three months ago the official Soviet press acknowledged that food rations were not being fulfilled in sections of the Eastern zone. This official ration is estimated to be about 40 per cent below that in the Anglo-American zone of Western Germany despite the Russian zone's great agricultural potential.)

At that time the Russians announced planned imports of 40,000 tons of bread grains and fodder from the Soviet Union. This was the first Russian grain sent to post-war Germany. Since the occupation began the Russians have been reported exporting large quantities of German foodstuffs to Russia.

Philippine Conflict

Manila, August 9.
A press report from Saraya, Quezon Province, said today that Congressman Luis Taruc, Hukbatah Generalissimo, addressing 4,000 Huk and PKMAs yesterday, urged them to return to their homes and farms and lead peaceful lives. Taruc also urged rapid implementation of reforms for the benefit of peasants.

However, the Huk commander in Southern Luzon, Colonel Pedro Villegas, demanded the ousting of the Secretary of Justice (Mr. Roman Ozeta), the Secretary of Labour (Mr. Magallan) and the Constabulary commander (Brig. Gen. Mariano Casteneda).

Colonel Villegas claimed that failure to replace these officials precluded perfect solution of the peasant problem.—United Press.

To Feed Berlin

The Russian zone's current food troubles are believed to be in large measure the result of the Soviet undertaking to feed the entire city of Berlin.

The Western-licensed German press has reported that the Russians requisitioned large quantities of foodstuffs from the Russian zone.

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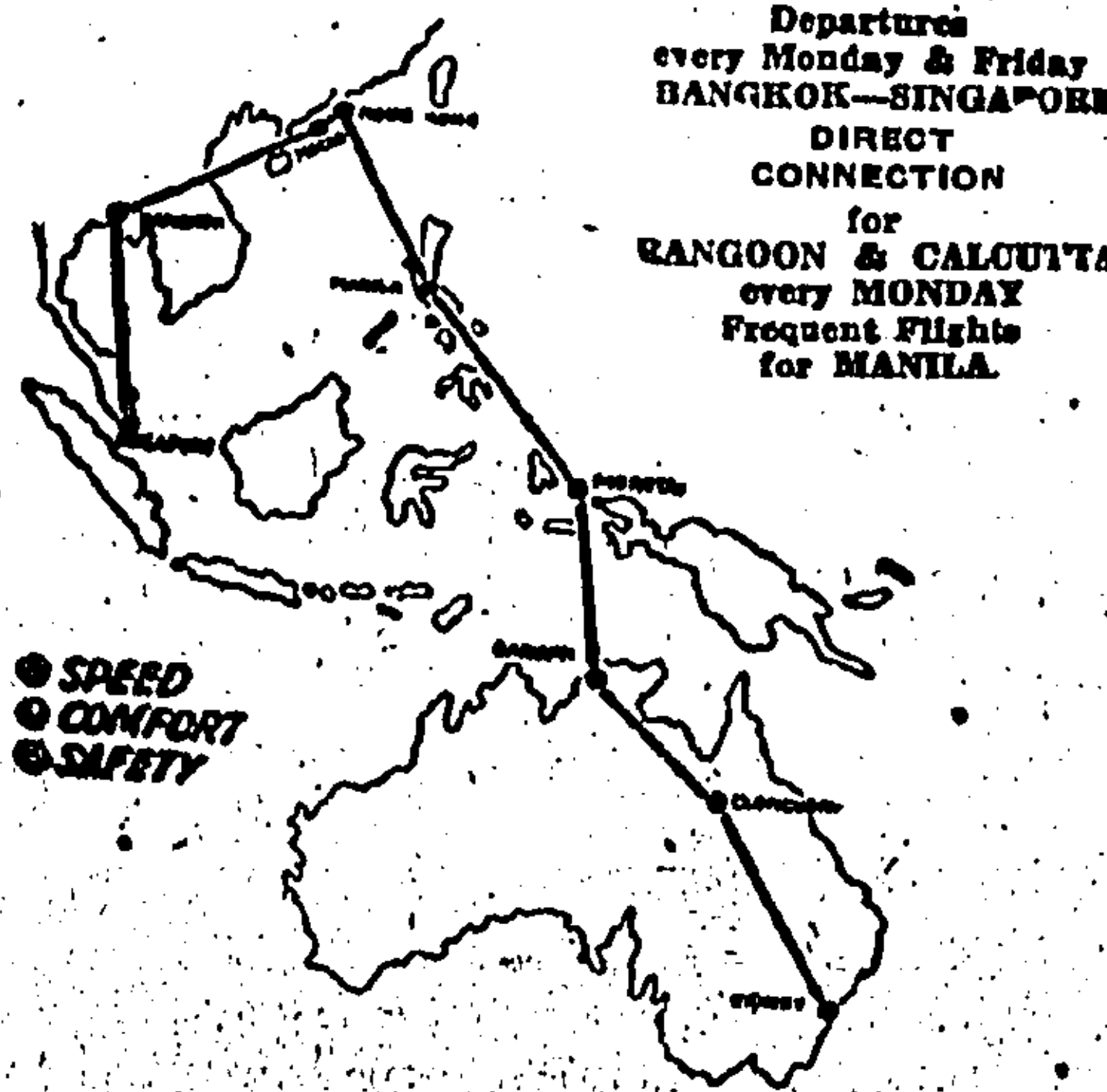


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MACDONALD—At Kowloon Hospital on August 8, 1948, to Marie, wife of Sub-Inspector J. W. MacDonald, H. K. Police, a son—Murray Kessock.

THE STICKS AND THE FAGGOT

After all the talk this year about Western Union and about European Economic Co-operation, how much progress is being made in either direction? Western Union held an important meeting at The Hague, the conclusions of which were announced on July 21; and the Organisation of European Economic Co-operation, which represents the sixteen countries concerned in receiving Marshall Aid, has been in active touch with Mr. Hoffman, head of the Economic Co-operation Administration, by which Marshall Aid is dispensed. It has always been a leading feature of the Marshall Plan that the European countries, whom American helps, should also help themselves and each other; and in this way OEEC offers an avenue towards the consolidation of Europe hardly less important than that of Western Union.

The Hague Conference of Western Union covered a good deal of ground. In the first place the delegates of the five countries at present comprised in it—Great Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg—discussed the immediate and pressing problem of what should be done about Berlin. Secondly, they examined some interesting but less urgent suggestions for assimilating their social services so as to make it easier for people living in any one of the five countries to move their residence to any other. And thirdly, they raised the question of the Union's relation to the United States and to Canada—a subject not less compelling than the first, and indeed linking closely on to it.

Agreements were reached on all these topics, though whether on satisfactory terms is not so certain. On the first matter, Berlin, it looks as if the weak line eventually adopted by the Western Powers—that of sending their Moscow Ambassadors to conduct separate talks with Mr. Molotov—was a concession by America and Britain to the wishes of France. France is to speak frankly, the weak spot in Western Union, and must always remain so until she can moderate the internal dissensions which at present constantly confuse and often paralyse the courses of her external action.

It is France, too, that presents perhaps the greatest difficulties on the economic side. Her unbalanced currency, her large adverse balance of trade, her scales of wages and salaries still in disequilibrium and chaos, her industries incessantly harassed by Communist strikes, her black-marketing, her peasants creating a perpetual food crisis in the towns by selling ever smaller crops at ever higher prices—almost the whole picture is one of frustration and disorganisation and difficulties not overcome. Such a state of things exerts a very adverse influence over Britain's economy; yet it has been difficult to help since Britain is in no position to give credit on any large scale

against anything so unreliable as the French franc. The new proposal for extending Inter-European trade, as formulated between OEEC and ECA, may do something to lessen this last difficulty. The proposal is that where one of the stables European countries gives an important credit to one of the less stable, ECA should underwrite it with a credit of dollars. This would enable Great Britain, and probably Belgium and Western Germany also, to make substantial contributions to French recovery by the supply of machinery, machine tools and raw materials. France is not the only country which the scheme would help, but it is the most conspicuous. With its large population, its great traditions and its geographical position in the forefront of Europe, its recovery is peculiarly necessary for that of the Continent.

Against such a background of concrete difficulties and patient concrete efforts to overcome them the more abstract flights of federalist theory may to some of us seem out of place. Thus the Foreign Affairs Committee of the French Parliament recently passed by a very large majority a resolution calling for the creation of a constituent European assembly and inviting the French Government to take the lead in setting one up. To the federalists the creation of a central authority representing not the Governments but the peoples of the constituent States is an important shibboleth; and it is probably the case that no fully-fledged federation is possible without one. But Western Europe is very far indeed from the stage at which Great Britain would be willing to be governed on French lines or France upon British lines. Such are not today's practical issues; and to fasten upon them only diverts energy and attention from the policies for which the immediate situation calls.

Those policies concern two broad subjects—economics and defence—and are, as has been said, the concern of OEEC and Western Union respectively. On paper the two are quite distinct bodies, and the fact that OEEC has sixteen constituent nations and Western Union only has five sets a very definite barrier between them. Nevertheless the aim should be to get them working as far as may be, on parallel lines, for their objects are complementary. Western Europe cannot maintain a complete security unless it pulls itself

Now that we have the Russian bear by the tail, the two solutions which offer themselves to us immediately, are equally impossible. To let go would be a political disaster; to hold on for a prolonged period would be a technical absurdity.

To abandon Berlin to the Russians would render inoperative all the guarantees of security on which, at our invitation, Europe and Western Germany have staked their future. But the feeding of the Allied sectors of Berlin by air cannot, obviously be other than a spectacular and temporary reply to the land blockade.

"The critical point of the situation is that even if the Russians removed the blockade—as seems possible—our position in Berlin would still be just as precarious for they would continue to control the means of access. As long as the Russians occupy Germany East of the Elbe, the city will be encircled by their troops and they will be in a position to re-impose the blockade if and when they please.

That is why—and for many other reasons—General Clay should be instructed to alter his statement that we shall stay in Berlin, to the effect that we shall stay there as long as the Russians, but that we shall retire from the City as soon as the Russian evacuate it. Under such conditions Berlin could not be isolated and would not have to be supplied by air.

Russian Statement

"We cannot continue to ignore the fact that the Soviet Government has made a public statement in favour of the speedy conclusion of a Peace Treaty with Germany" and the immediate withdrawal of occupation troops. This declaration, made at

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together economically, and it cannot make an economic recovery unless behind an adequate defensive screen.

The most immediate need, in view of Russia's attitude as the new world-aggressor, is for defence. If the Western Union could satisfy the Kremlin that it really increased the counter-weight against them in war's scales, it might halt their war plan, supposing they have one. But if it creates the impression of a force weakened by divided councils, the effect will be just opposite. Unfortunately the latter interpretation would not seem a difficult one to place upon what occurred at The Hague.

THE FUTURE OF GERMANY

By WALTER LIPPMANN

In "Le Figaro," Paris

The Warsaw Conference marks a radical change in the Soviet attitude, a change which, if I am not mistaken, was foreseen in Stalin's reply to Henry Wallace.

"One has a strong impression now that the object of the Berlin blockade is negotiation between the Four Powers with a view to the signing of a Peace Treaty with Germany. I fail to see how one can avoid examining this proposal very seriously. . . . A Peace Treaty with Germany, followed by the immediate withdrawal of the Russian army, is an entirely new and totally different proposition from that made by Molotov last November, when it was his opinion that the Russian army should continue its occupation.

"One may say that the withdrawal of the Armies of Occupation, including our own, might deprive France and Western Europe of the protection they enjoy now. . . . But can it be denied that if the Russian army withdrew 750 kilometres to the East, their invasion of Western Europe would be far more difficult? This seems to me to be unanswerable.

Security Of The West

"Positive measures should, however, be taken to ensure the security of the West against Russia and against a re-born Germany. An American military guarantee, reinforced by the rearmament of the United States, military lease-hold and even the presence of a few American troops in Western Europe, should be established, accepted, signed and ratified by Congress, before we come to an agreement on the terms of a German Peace Treaty.

"Complete rearmament (2) of Germany is conceivable only if Germany is the Ally of a Great Power or if she is protected by a Great Power. One of the principal aims of our policy should be therefore the separation of the Germans from the Russians. The second objection which may be raised is that, even after the departure of the Russians, Communists, the Soviet agents and the Underground German army trained in the Soviet prisoner-of-war camps. According to the most reliable sources of American information, there is no proof that this German army is a reality, but it would be wise to count on the possibility of its existence. Treaty should therefore authorize Germany's neighbours to take special measures of reprisal, in which the United States and Great Britain would be obliged to cooperate. Since Germany will have no Air Force, the Ruhr is extremely vulnerable and a country without a defence can be easily blockaded, there are means of reprisal. Without the Red Army and without a German army, the Communists could not assume power easily, though they could make the attempt. But if we are clear-headed and firm we shall be able to secure powerful international guarantees against an assumption of power by the Communists or by the National Socialists.

No Government

"Since there is no German Government in existence and no Government can be appointed and established quickly, it is very evident that the Peace Treaty should be signed with the German 'Laender' according to them their national sovereignty and authorizing them to form a Government for the whole of Germany, once the Treaty has been ratified and the foreign armies have withdrawn. The personal interests and 'separatism' of the German States should constitute a powerful core of resistance against any totalitarian coup d'etat.

"This solution seems to me personally a desirable one, for it has been proved that no Government can be established quickly, it is very evident that the Peace Treaty should be signed with the German 'Laender' according to them their national sovereignty and authorizing them to form a Government for the whole of Germany, once the Treaty has been ratified and the foreign armies have withdrawn.

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ment or Constitution set up under foreign military occupation, would be lasting.

"The situation will, however, be difficult in Germany for a long time to come. The unrest will be seen, not in searching for a solution of German problems, but in foreign intrigues and excursions. As long as the Russians remain in Eastern Germany, the Germans will be unable to resist coming to terms with them at the expense of Poland and against the West. Once the Russians have gone, the Germans will be able to negotiate with their neighbours, particularly with the Poles who have no wish for another Ribbentrop-Molotov pact.

A Burden

"There is another, equally imperative reason for signing the Peace Treaty before the re-establishment of German economy. If we rebuild the Ruhr while the Russians still control the Elbe, it would be greatly to the latter's advantage to appropriate that region, and their position would enable them to do this easily. "Western Germany is a burden on us—American subsidies are indispensable. That too is one of the reasons why it is unlikely that the Russians will run the risk of war to conquer it, for they in their turn would load themselves with heavy responsibilities. But if Western Germany became once more the great industrial region of Europe that she used to be, her possession would justify great risks.

"It would, therefore, be unwise to re-establish German economy before the Russian have withdrawn. In fact, we could hardly defend this country except by a rearguard action which would destroy all we have reconstructed. When Germany is separated from the Russians and surrounded by European Nations themselves freed from direct pressure of the Red Army, then the time will be ripe to put her back on her feet. "Taking it all round, therefore, it seems evident to me that the new Russian proposal should be examined with careful attention and complete sincerity."

Reynaud Plan Makes Headway

Paris, August 8.

The National Assembly today rejected by 388 to 201 a Communist motion to reject Finance Minister Paul Reynaud's bill asking for sweeping financial powers.

The Assembly made slow progress in the debate on the Government's demands, and the debate began this morning with a clash between the Premier, M. Andre Marie, and the Communists. M. Paul Reynaud's original bill has already been much modified, first in discussions by the Cabinet and again yesterday, when the Assembly's Finance Commission raised a series of objections before postponing the debate.

M. Reynaud at that time threatened that he would resign if any essential part of his proposals is rejected. This would have involved the fall of the Cabinet, within a fortnight its constitution, and possibly a general election.

The Finance Minister's basic idea is described as a return to the principles of good business management.

The Finance Commission yesterday principally objected to:—
1—The Government's claim to be able to change tax rates without asking Parliament;

2—The implication that nationalised industries could be "leased" to private enterprise; and
3—The suspicion that the clause giving powers to prevent action by producers to restrict production might be used against strikers.

De Gaulle members of the National Assembly supported the Communist motion which was turned down today.—Reuter.

UNESCO WORKER

Manila, August 9.
Dr. Shou Yu-kuo, senior adviser on Far Eastern matters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, arrived here last night by plane from Bangkok.

He has been in New York, London, Damascus, Istanbul, Karachi and Calcutta.

Dr. Shou said his mission was to bring closer together the 43 member countries of UNESCO. During his eight-day stay here, Dr. Shou will confer with education officials and will be leaving for China on August 17.—United Press.

BRITAIN'S NEW JUNIOR PLANE

By CHARLES GARDNER

Air Correspondent to the British Broadcasting Corporation

The Fairey Aviation Company of 24 Bruton Street, London, W.1, have just produced a really cheap popular aircraft which should go a long way towards reducing the rocketing price of private flying.

In Britain it costs anything from £2.10s. to £4 an hour to fly in light machines, and there is no Government subsidy. In the United States the figure, according to latest brochures, averages about £2.10s. and in the Dominions it varies according to the amount of subsidy. On the Continent of Europe the general level of cost is, I'm told, even higher.

Meanwhile, the World Air Organisation of I.C.A.O. has agreed new private pilot licensing regulations which will demand anything from 30 to 40 hours experience before full licences are issued. It is a sensible piece of legislation, but one which will further increase the cost of becoming a qualified pilot.

Single Seater

The new Fairey Junior, just demonstrated for the first time, satisfies at least part of these requirements. It produced in numbers, it should not cost much more than £500; its maintenance would be almost nothing, and flying costs could hardly be more than 15s. an hour, if that. The only snag is that the Junior is a single seater, and therefore cannot be used for initial training. Even so, it would be a great boon, as at least 20 of the 30 hours now to be required for the private pilot's licence are usually flown solo, and could therefore be flown in the Junior at less than a third of the cost of the present two seat trainers.

At present the average cost of the new I.C.A.O. licence with 10 hours dual and 20 hours solo flying will be about £250. With a lightweight single seater for the solo hours, however, the cost would be £245, a saving of £5 out of £250, or of 44 per cent. A similar, but even stronger, financial case can be made out for the use of such an aircraft for the training of private pilots who have to pile up an initial 105 hours. At a rough guess it should say that such a cheap single seater could save up to £200 for the commercial aspirant.

Wasted Space

A final class of pilots who would benefit would be the "non-family" type of private owner and club member. In Britain every other club and private aircraft in the sky at any given moment carries only one occupant, the other two or three seats being wasted space and weight.

During the past year on only one flight in three did I carry a passenger, and many times I was flying something like a four-seat Proctor, just to get myself from one airfield to another. A single seat lightweight would have saved £100 at least on my own flying bill for the last 12 months. Here are some details of this interesting new United Kingdom aircraft, Type Ultra light single seat monoplane, Engine: 35 h.p. home-power, twin cylinder JAP. Dimension: Span 22 feet 8 inches; length 18 feet 6 1/2 inches; height 4 feet 10 1/2 inches; wing area 113 square feet; wing loading six 28 stitches.—United Press.

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found a square foot. Performance: cruising speed 70 miles an hour; climbing speed 38 miles an hour; climb 400 feet a minute; rate of endurance four hours; petrol consumption under two gallons an hour. Weight: unloaded 430 pounds; fully loaded 602 pounds. recently flew the Junior on a bumpy day with an average wind of 15 miles an hour. I found the cockpit roomy and comfortable, and the generous windscreen made goggles unnecessary. The controls are simple and orthodox and the rudder bar has the unexpected luxury of a differential braking device. Although it was also steered by the rudder, no banking was, in fact, needed, even when taxiing across or down wind.

Airborne In 60 Yards
To take off I merely opened the throttle, ran some 60 yards, and then without conscious effort, found myself comfortably airborne. From then on the Junior behaved just like a normal and heavier aircraft, although it was actually more stable than some I could think of. Turns were easy on well harmonized controls and the stall was "square" and apparently voiceless. The landing was perfect from a 50 miles-an-hour approach, and altogether the Junior proved itself a powerful little aircraft, and not just a powered glider.

The machine was designed by the redoubtable M. Tips, a Belgian whose pre-World War II light aircraft were internationally known, and who now works for the Fairey concern. It is of simple wooden construction and maintenance should be practically nil. Only a few dozen of the JAP motors are available at the moment, but the Triumvir Engineering Company Limited, of Coventry, England, have designed a 40 horse-power engine which is suitable if Faireys decide to go in for large-scale production.

Slight Shudder

Whether Faireys so decide or not, it is possible that permits may be given for private groups of enthusiasts to build their own Juniors from drawings supplied by M. Tips. We have in Britain a number of such groups which are already clamouring to have the Junior. Most of these people are skilled woodworkers and aeronautical engineers, and they work under expert supervision and obtain official certificates to fly their finished products. M. Tips even wants to sell complete kits of parts that can be assembled in the world's back gardens by semi-skilled labour backed by an instruction manual and a system of final pre-flight inspection.

I mean no disrespect to this eminent Britisher when I give a slight shudder at the thought; but home-ids or no, keep a look out for the Junior—it could be an important contribution to the world's private flying.

CAR SMASH DRAMA

Minneapolis, August 8.
Edward Courval, 29, of Rogers City, Michigan, helped to save his own life today by holding his gashed throat together with his hands after a car accident. Courval was hurled through the windshield of his car when it collided with another. He held his slashed throat until General Hospital surgeons arrived and sewed it together with 26 stitches.—United Press.

Daring Raid By Malayan Terrorists

British Planter Shot Dead: Group Attack In Cinema Only 10 Miles From Singapore

Singapore, August 8.

Fifty Communist insurgents burst into a cinema with guns blazing last night, shot dead a British rubber planter, wounded six persons and burned down every building on the rubber estate where the cinema was located.

The raid, one of the boldest of the Malayan revolt, took place on the Telok Sengat Estate in Johore State, only 10 miles from Singapore Island. The murdered planter was Mr. U.M. Rice. His body was recovered today.

The wounded, all Malays, included two special constables, two labourers, one boy and one woman servant.

One suspected insurgent was arrested later.

Mr. Rice's wife and his 14-year-old daughter escaped from the cinema and hid until the attackers withdrew.

Both are in hospital suffering from shock.

The bandits escaped in two stolen trucks and one jeep, all loaded with looted foodstuffs.

Unsuccessful Ambush
A British column in Kelantan State killed one insurgent and wounded several when Communists unsuccessfully attempted an ambush, the British Army said in a communique today. One British Army Gurkha was killed.

The Royal Air Force announced that Dakotas dropped one million leaflets over Malaya today asking the public to co-operate against the insurgents.

An official statement today confirmed the appointment of Colonel W.H. Gray as Commissioner of Police for the Malayan Federation. He is a former Inspector General of Palestine Police.—Associated Press.

Big Clean-Out

Ipo, August 9.
Two large-scale operations within a period of 10 days have cleaned out a notorious hide-out of Communist elements at the foothills of the main Cameron Range, to the east of Kampar, Perak State.

As a result of these operations, much of the success gained was due to the leadership of the district police officer, Mr. K.W. Gray, holder of the Military Cross, won in France in 1944.

Mr. Gray, aged 28, comes from Bridgehouse, Wakefield, Yorkshire, and on his discharge from the Army in 1945 he joined the Malayan Police. He is married to a girl of his own town, Norma Blakey, and last year regularly appeared at the scrum-half for Perak in rugby games.

Mr. Gray led a party of 35 police when making the first raid into the hills on July 17. Leaving Kampar at 4 a.m., the party trekked uphill for two and a half hours through dense forest. They spotted a hut below them outside which 30 insurgents were going through a drill. One was a Chinese woman.

Having occupied strategic positions, Mr. Gray gave the order to open fire, and the insurgents, cut off from their arms and supplies in the hut, were routed, losing two killed. Four were badly wounded and seven captured together with a large quantity of arms and ammunition. The rest managed to escape, and police set fire to the hut after taking important documents.

In the second attack on the hill area, Mr. Gray, in charge of a combined police and military party, left Temoh, a town 11 miles south of Kampar, at two o'clock in the morning on July 27.

Dawn Raid
Knowing the insurgents had sentries guarding well-defined paths uphill, Mr. Gray detoured.

People's Car For Singapore
Singapore, August 9.
A new small car, equivalent to the "People's Car" of pre-war Germany, has been imported into Singapore "for the clerical classes."

The first of its type out there, it is a four-cylinder 7½ horsepower French Renault Junior. The car engine is at the rear, while the front part can carry a spare tyre and luggage. The petrol consumption is 55 to 60 miles a gallon.

The cost of the car is about £370 each.—Reuters.

GESTAPO OFFICER UNMASKED

Wiesbaden, August 8.
A German employed as a baker at a U.S. Air Force base was unmasked today as a former high-ranking Nazi S.S. and Gestapo officer.

The baker, Gustav Wehring, 55, was arrested by U.S. Military Government agents on a charge of hiding his background. He had been working for the past two years at Wiesbaden air base.—Associated Press.

Singapore's Trade With Japan

Singapore, August 9.

Trade generally has not been adversely affected by the "hard currency" rule for payments of all imported goods brought into this country from Japan, introduced some time ago by the Singapore Government.

Merchants are still anxious to obtain textiles, foodstuffs and a wide range of household requirements from Japan, and shipments are continuing to arrive regularly.

On the other hand, Malaya is continuing to export to Japan rubber, latex, sugar and tapioca flour.

A sample consignment of rattan has been exported to Japan for the first time since the end of the war, and there is every likelihood of this trade expanding. Between three and four million yards of Japanese printed and dyed cotton textiles are expected in Singapore before the end of this month for private traders.

Other items coming are wall clocks, alarm clocks, wrist watches, hurricane lamps, celluloid goods, bathing caps, tableware, suit cases and handbags.

Already arrived in Singapore is a quantity of bicycle parts.

Local importers recently purchased hundreds of thousands of fish-hooks made in Japan.—Reuters.

New Malayan Press Law

Entire Staff Of Paper Arrested

Kuala Lumpur, August 9.

All Malaya's newspapers and printing presses now must get the government's permission to operate, as a result of the state of emergency which the British administrator here declared after Communist insurgents became active.

Such government authorisation has been required since 1939 in Singapore, Penang and Malacca, the three Malayan cities which before the war formed the British Crown colony of the Straits Settlements. The nine Malay states of the mainland, which with Penang and Malacca now form the Federation, had no such law.

The licensing requirement is part of a new law, voted recently by the Federation's Legislative Council to combine the various laws on printing, press and newspapers which existed before the war in the separate Malay states.

But Mr. Peter Bell, the Federation's acting attorney general, introducing the new law, indicated that the Government's desire for it was not merely one of legal clarification.

The new act, and particularly the licensing provisions, said Mr. Bell, gives the government "power to control organs which there is good and solid reason to believe do not serve our way of life and thought, and propose to come into being merely for the purpose of speaking pernicious and other doctrines."

So far Malaya's state of emergency has resulted in the jailing of one editor and his staff, the suspension of his Communist newspaper, and the arrest of a reporter for another paper. All were arrested, not under the new press law, but under the general "state of emergency" powers, which gives police the right to arrest anyone for anything they deem dangerous.

The editor was a Chinese, Liew Yit Fun, Selangor state representative of the Malayan Communist party and editor of the avowed organ of the party, the Min Sheng Pau.

Entire Staff Imprisoned

After Liew was arrested, police raided the newspaper office, closed it down and jailed the entire staff—64 Chinese. Liew was convicted for publishing two seditious articles, two editorials about the current troubles in Malaya, and was sentenced to 15 months' imprisonment and a fine of \$500 (Straits), or three more months' imprisonment in default of the fine.

The other newspaper casualty was the Malacca Correspondent for the Malaya Tribune, a leading chain of English-language newspapers in Malaya. The police arrested him, they said, because he reported terrorists had threatened a police station and military reinforcements had been rushed there.

Denying the report, a police statement termed it a "fantastic flight of imagination which might well conduce to undermine public morale."

Commenting on this latter arrest, the authoritative British-owned "Straits Times" declared the use of the emergency power for this "inexcusably careless but bona fide mistake" on the reporter's part. The reporter's action, said the Straits Times, was a "blunder which no suggestion he was connected with subversive activities."

The police, the newspaper suggested, "used the emergency powers in the spirit in which they never were intended to be used."

Under the new act the operator of a printing press must get a government license, and the publisher of a newspaper, a government permit, before either can operate. Both are issued by the Federation Chief Secretary, the second ranking British officer in the Government, "in his discretion." Likewise, it is up to the same officer to revoke license or permit when he wants to.

Prescribe The Language

The Chief Secretary also may prescribe the language in which the newspaper shall be printed, and may require a bond to secure payment "of any penalties which may be imposed upon the proprietor or editor of the newspaper under this ordinance or under any other written law."

Any person disagreeing with the Chief Secretary's decisions can appeal to the Government's senior officer, the High Commissioner. His decision, taken after consulting with his Executive Council, is final, the law provides.

The High Commissioner, after consulting his Executive Council, also may exempt any "documents or any printing press" from the operation of the ordinance.—Associated Press.

Meteorite Shower In Russia

Moscow, August 8.
A Soviet scientific expedition has brought back to Moscow the story of a meteorite which fell on the Sikhote Alin Ridge north of Vladivostok in February, 1947, in "an iron shower such as had never and nowhere before been seen," the Tass news agency reported.

The scientists interviewed 200 witnesses. They learned that the fall of the meteorite was brighter than the sunlight in clear weather.

Trees and other objects cast a second and contrasting shadow as it fell. The drops from the iron shower littered an area dozens of miles in diameter.

Using mine detectors, the expedition collected 287 meteorite splinters. Altogether, they collected five tons of meteorite iron. Those had not rusted and bore traces of their flight from interplanetary space to earth.—Reuters.

FRANCE BIDS FOR TOURISTS

Paris, August 8.

The devaluation of the franc will bring France this year a flood of tourists rivaling the numbers of pre-war years, according to the high commissioner for the tourist industry today.

M. Henri Ingrand is jubilant about the adverse rate's decline. It either discouraged Americans and other foreigners from coming here or tempted them to change their money on the black market. "France is perfectly equipped to take care of an increase, despite shortages of such foods as fat, sweets and bread," Ingrand said.

Ninety-six per cent of the war-damaged hotels have been refurbished and new furniture and carpets have been installed. The Government will give them priority on foods which are scarce.

Tourists will also receive a special petrol allowance, although the Government has cut out all pleasure driving for the French themselves.

Back To Normal

The Riviera, worst-hit of any region by food shortages following the liberation, is now reported back to normal in essential supplies. The big hotels, with few exceptions, were not too badly damaged. The few destroyed have not been rebuilt because the Government has given priority to those which can be repaired.

Hotels at Deauville on the Normandy coast are operating normally.

In the future, Americans coming here will profit from the new free market in exchange, enabling them to get at least double the number of francs they could have received—legally—before.

Ingrand said he hoped the British would relax their ban on tourists to France.—United Press.

VEST-POCKET WAR IN MALAYA

Kuala Lumpur, August 9.

A vest-pocket war is under way in Malaya.

British and Gurkha soldiers, the Royal Air Force, the Royal Navy and Malayan police are striving hard to destroy Communist guerrillas.

The British say definite evidence has been found that the guerrillas—who launched a series of terrorist attacks in May—planned to seize control of the country.

Responsible authorities reckon the total guerrilla strength—official statements refer to them as "the enemy"—at about 4,000. At most all are Chinese Communists. Most of them were in the Communist anti-Japanese underground. Then they were called "The Malayan People's Anti-Japanese Army." Now some reports say they have changed their name to the "Malayan People's Anti-British Army."

The guerrillas operate in the dark, green Malayan jungles. They work in bands ranging from 12 to 200. Their activities so far have taken the form of attacks on police stations, raids on rubber estates, frankly terrorist killings of European and prominent Chinese (usually prominent Kuomintang leaders), ambushes of passing cars and attacks on food shops for supplies.

Just how many ground troops and police the British are using against them is a security secret. Probably the figure is around 20,000, including such famous regiments as the Seaforth Highlanders. The Royal Navy patrols Malaya's coast to prevent reinforcement by junk from Siam or South China. RAF planes patrol the skies in search of enemy hideouts and sometimes attack them with rockets. Ground, air and sea action is closely co-ordinated.

Volunteer Forces
Armed volunteer forces are being organised to aid police and troops in routine tasks. Planter have been armed and organized. Special guards have been stationed on estates. Public registration and mandatory use of identity cards will go into effect. Plans are under way to station a special force on the Malaya-Siam frontier to keep guerrillas from slipping across the border.

Otherwise, military and police leaders admit, the initiative remains with the guerrillas. Malaya's jungles are vast and terribly difficult to penetrate. Much of the efficient pre-war British intelligence system was

destroyed in the war. The guerrillas, until they are starved out and the British net tightens, can sally forth pretty much where they want. But their field of operations is being restricted by ever-widening military and police action.

More Suspicion

Singapore, August 9.
An Indian leader declared here that mere suspicion has been the basis for the arrest by British authorities of a large number of Indians under emergency regulations in Singapore and the Federation of Malaya.

Buddh Singh, President of the Malayan Indian Congress, told a news conference he is appealing to the Governments of Singapore and the Federation to examine the question without delay. He said that, failing the appeal, "we may have to make representations to the Government of India."

For the present, the Congress leader explained, the organisation will limit its activities to preparations for the day of independence. Plans include the promotion of national education and social reform, and the abolition of the sale of toddy (a favourite Indian drink).

"We will to our best to make our people politically conscious, prepare them for Malayan nationhood and for their due part in the movement for independence going on everywhere in Asia," he concluded.—Associated Press.

10,000 Boys Stranded

Nanking, August 9.
More than 10,000 Chinese lads of school age from Siam are at present stranded at Halkow, a port city on Hainan Island, was revealed by the Overseas Affairs Commission here last night, according to an official organ.

These youths were en route to China from Bangkok following the closure of Chinese schools in Siam.

The Overseas Affairs Commission was reported to be drawing up a plan in conjunction with the Ministry of Education, to provide educational facilities for these youths. Among other things, it stated several schools and colleges will be requested to enroll these overseas students to the fullest possible extent.—Reuters-AAP.

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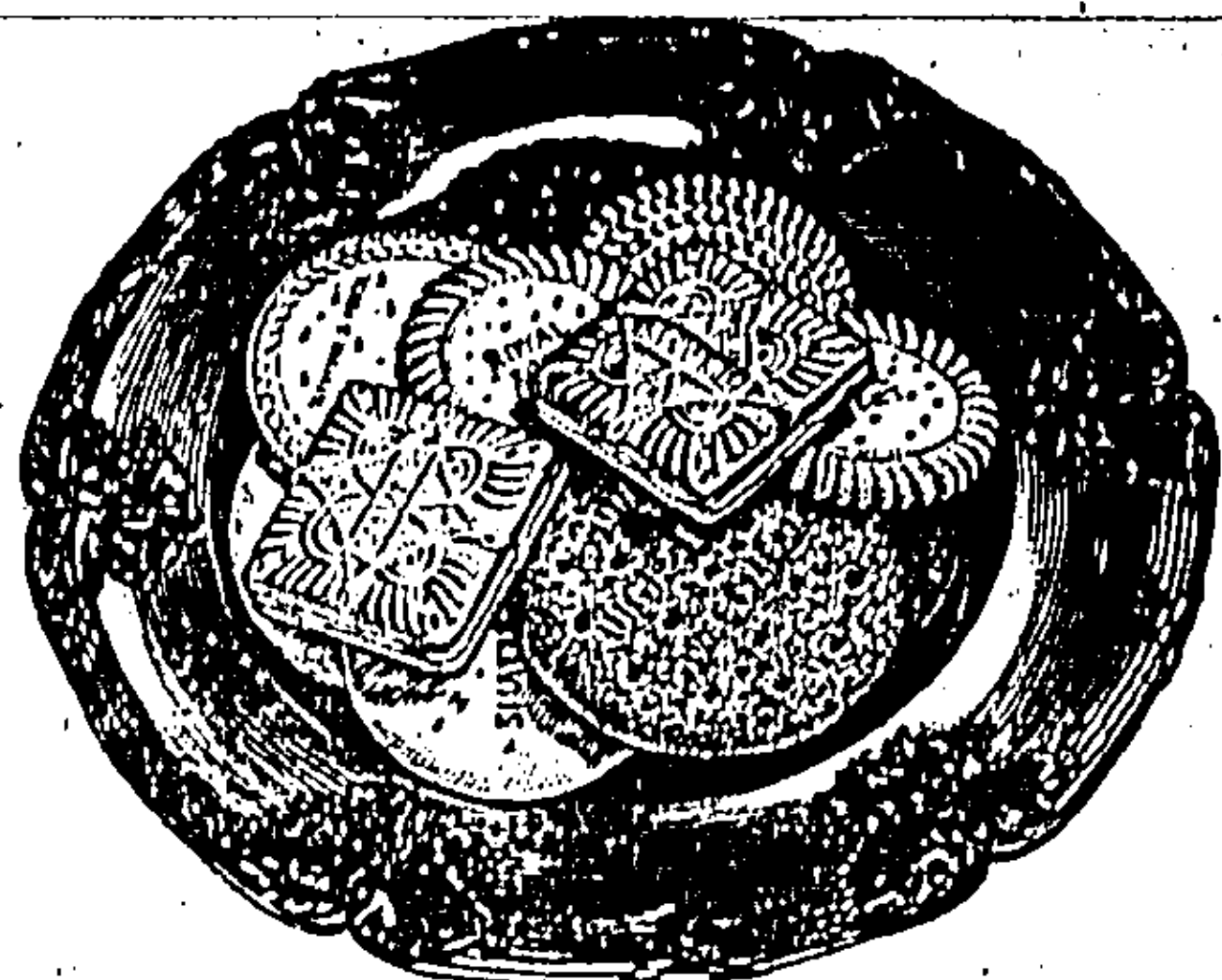
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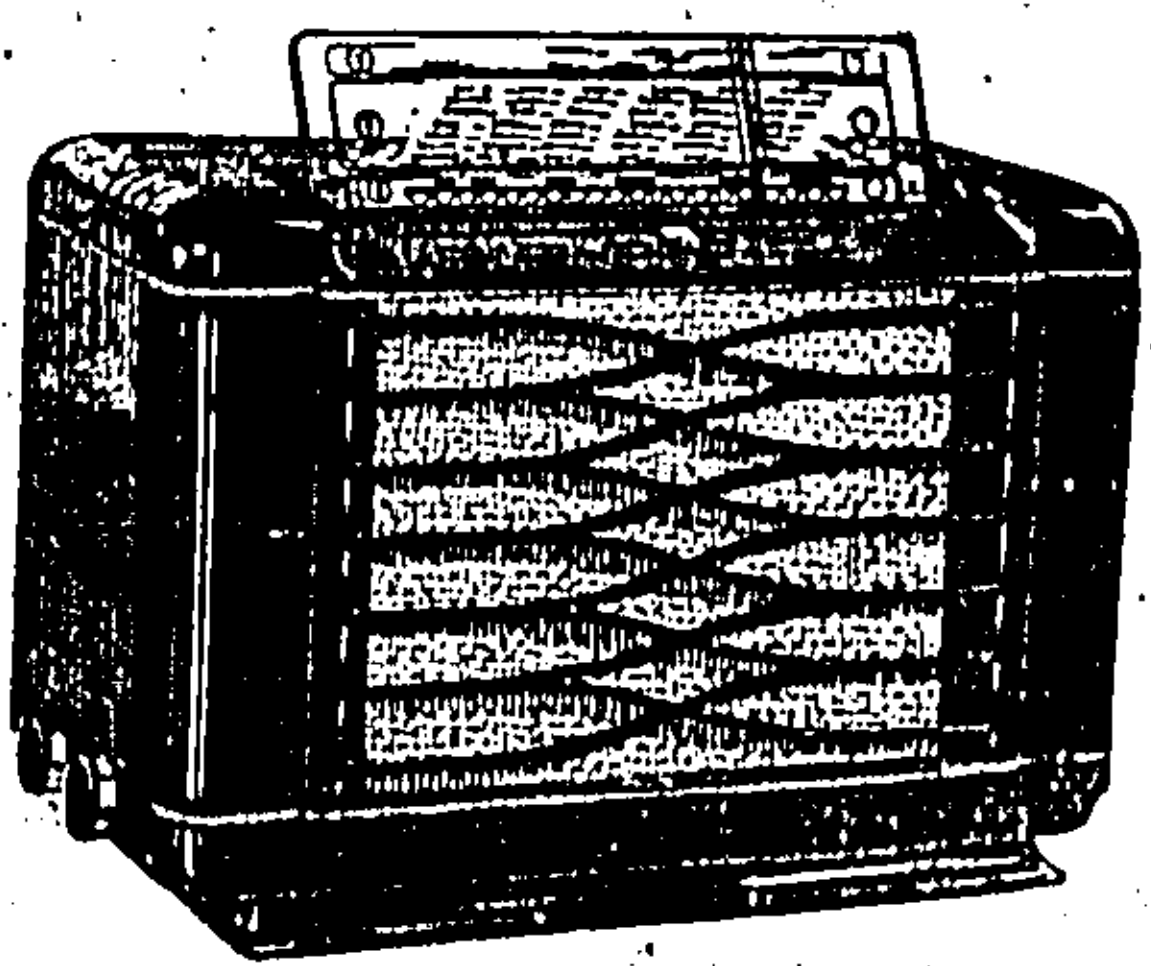
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CHINA'S RELATIONS WITH JAPAN

American Politician Makes An Effort To Explain Chinese Need Confidence In Survival

Washington, August 8.

Republican Representative Walter Judd of Minnesota predicted in an interview with the United Press today that "China will willingly resume natural trade with Japan once she is free from the fear of Communism and aggression."

His statement followed the disclosure that the ECA hoped to draw on Japanese industry in the China reconstruction programme. ECA officials said cautiously that they are not aiming to restore Japan to a dominant position in the Far East, but said that the policy is similar to the stimulation of trade in Europe and would benefit China equally with Japan.

Judd, who strongly favours greater aid to the Chiang government to fight Communism, said, "The Chinese are timid about the amount of money the United States is pouring into their former enemy country of Japan and they rightly feel that we are treating the aggressor better than we are treating our Allies."

He explained, "Japan cannot possibly feed her people without China. At the same time China needs cheap goods previously manufactured in quantity by Japan. The situation will be saved, he said, if we help China defeat the Communist armies and put an end to the civil strife, which is destroying her economy, and assist her to stand alone without fear of aggression, then she will easily pick up pre-war trade patterns with Japan and other Eastern countries."

Future Of Japan

"Japan's future will stand or fall on what happens in China. If China should come under the rule of Communism, we could not have cause to hope that Japan would ever cease to be a drain on the United States treasury," he declared.

Judd said he believed that

the level of industry in Japan should be set at a figure "somewhat higher" than before the war because "her population has increased and she has a tremendous amount of reconstruction still to do."

The industrial level formerly was just high enough to enable them to keep their heads above the water. He added, "Real recovery would mean that industry is high enough to raise the entire standard of living of the Japanese people."

He said that in this connection "Japanese war potential is much easier to control than it is in Germany, because she lacks raw materials and can be easily isolated. Strict controls of imports of iron ore and steel effectively controls her potential for making war."

Stabilise The Yen
The United States "should go ahead and stabilise the value of the yen without waiting for approval from other powers." He said, "If we say we are going to do it they will come along with us just as they did in Germany. And look how much recovery picked up in Germany since the value of the mark was set." He said he did not believe that it was proper at present to press for a Japanese peace treaty.

Waterspouts In Manila Bay

Manila, August 9. Ships in the bay area were startled late yesterday afternoon by three waterspouts in Manila Bay.

The biggest spout was estimated at 20-30 feet in diameter and 250-300 feet high. The rain waterspout lasted 10 minutes, according to the Weather Bureau observer.

The last time waterspouts were seen in Manila Bay was 1939, when five columns of whirling water were seen travelling toward Cavite.—United Press.

"It should have been written long ago. We should have insisted upon it before we were disarmed after the war. But right now we have all we can handle. With the horns' nest in Berlin, I do not believe there would be much sentiment among other powers for attempts to write the Japanese treaty until that situation is cleared up."

Judd remarked that China and Japan might eventually find themselves in strong competition on many industrial items since China's aim is to industrialise herself. He added, however, "that stage will not come for many years, possibly a hundred years or more, and in the meantime the two countries will tend to complement each other rather than compete in any real sense."

He explained that China is 80 per cent agricultural and said, "It will take at least two or three generations to mechanise the Chinese people. In the meantime, she can furnish raw materials for Japanese industries and get in return products which she cannot hope to make for herself at a low price."

Judd warned again, however, that this pattern could not be fulfilled until China herself is strong enough to feel confidence in survival.—United Press.

KOREA PROBLEM

Shanghai, August 9. The China Press, in an editorial on Korea, said today that the withdrawal of United States forces would result in the destruction of the Korean hopes of ultimate independence.

It suggested that the United States should remain in Korea at least long enough to give the South Korean Government under Syngman Rhee a chance to build up a defence force.—United Press.

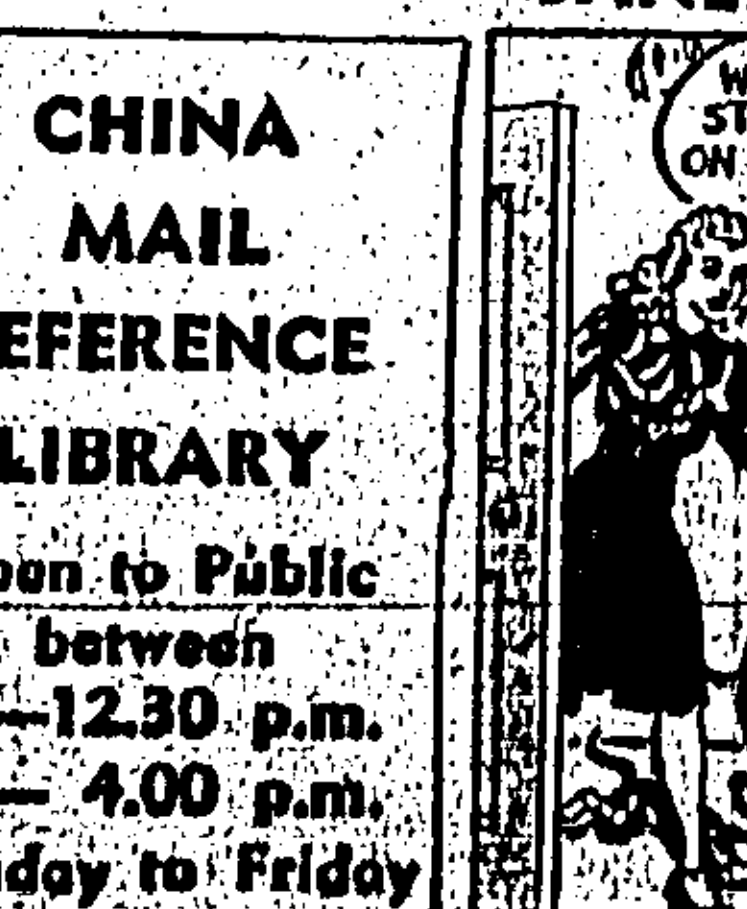
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BITTER CONGRESS WRANGLE

Washington, August 8.

Members of the bitterly-divided 80th Congress trooped back to their homes today as President Truman was reported to be working on a scathing statement denouncing them for their failure to act on his legislative programme.

The 13-day-old special session adjourned last night at the height of the angriest political wrangle for years, after approving mild anti-inflation and housing legislation.

It ignored the President's request for wage and price controls and rationing authority.

Authoritative administration sources said Mr. Truman would sign reluctantly the Republican price and housing bills and issue a statement early this week, denouncing them as inadequate.

It remained to be seen whether the President would answer personally or let other Democratic officials reply to the impeachment threat raised against him by Senator Homer Ferguson. The best guess was that Mr. Truman would keep silent.

Senator Ferguson declared on the Senate floor that the President's refusal to give Congress loyalty files on Federal employees left the lawmakers in the intolerable position of either legislation in the dark or compelling the President to answer for his conduct.—United Press.

COUNTERFEITS

Singapore, August 9.

Singapore's counterfeiters don't worry about big profits. They are turning out bogus 10-cent notes—nothing higher. May be they're just practising for bigger things later.

Anyway, the public have been warned by Government officials to watch out for the notes. They are dated "1st July, 1941" and bear a poorly reproduced picture of King George VI.—Associated Press.

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American Steamer Adrift

London, August 8.

The 7,000-ton American merchant ship, William Hawkins, reported today that she is drifting helplessly with a broken steering gear off Beachy Head, in one of the worst summer storms in recent English Channel history.

A Nowhven lifeboat and tug were sent to aid the ship, owned by the United States Maritime Commission.

The storm also wrecked a number of small boats and breached the sea wall at Brooklands Estate near Clacton.

Flood tide, whipped by 70-mile an hour gusts of wind, swamped 450 summer cottages at Brooklands Estate, driving nearly 1,000 holidaymakers into temporary shelters.

Many of them were rescued by row boats. Water was reported four feet deep in some streets.—United Press.

US LOAN FUNDS MAY BE SPENT IN JAPAN

Washington, August 8.

A high ECA source said today that the \$275,000,000 China programme will be used indirectly to help the revival of trade, including Japanese, as well as directly aiding China.

While ECA officials were quick to deny that they wish to build up Japan industrially they emphasised that it will benefit China to "harness Japan to the rehabilitation of China." They claimed that outside of cotton, most commodities or industrial goods which China needs can be obtained from the Far East and sources other than the United States.

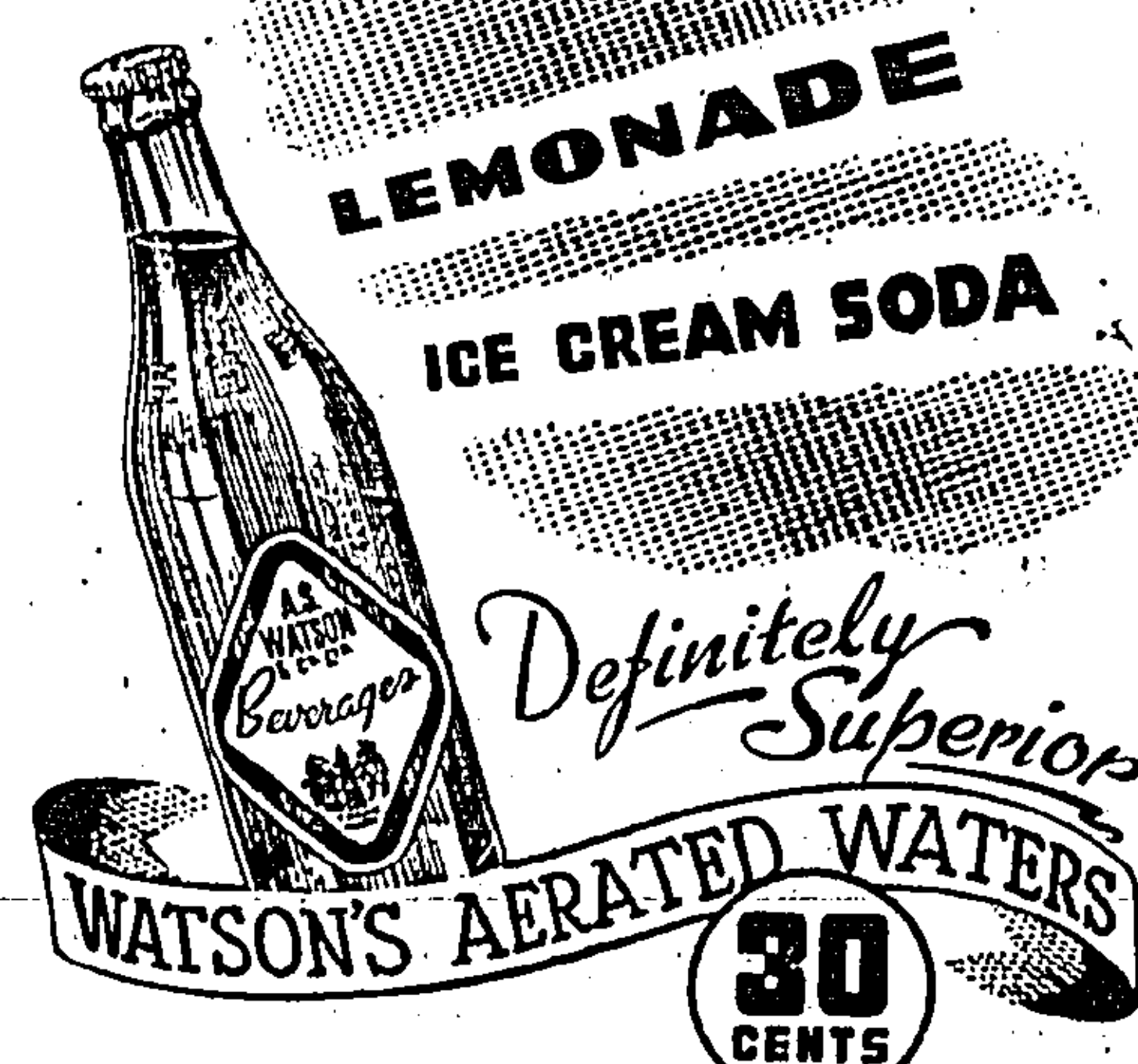
The ECA quietly sent two men from the China mission to Japan to make a preliminary survey. It was understood to involve the shipping of Chinese coal, chiefly from Kailan mines and Chinese iron to Japan. Japan in turn is expected to provide parts for industrial installations built during the Japanese occupation; and parts and equipment for the Canton-Hankow railway.

As an instance where it would be more economical to get Japanese rather than United States raproachment, they cited power installations in Taiwan although they have not yet decided whether these installations will be rebuilt.

The extent to which Japan will enter into the revival of China construction will depend upon which China projects are expected by the Stillman mission.

At the same time the ECA is seriously considering supplying Japan with coal from Kailan mines. Iron would be drawn largely from the stockpile the Japanese left near the Yangtze.

ECA officials described the policy as a counterpart of the effort in Europe to stimulate East-West trade. At the same time, the policy would fit into the SCAP programme and give Japan the dollars to buy United States cotton.—United Press.



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ASIA-AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA SERVICE

Arrivals	Sailings
"RUYS" from South America and Shanghai 20th August	to South Africa South America via Manila Straits & Batavia 23rd August
"STRAAT MALAKKA" from South Africa 20th Aug.	to South Africa & South America via Manila Straits & Batavia 1st Oct.
"JOISSEVAIN" from South America & South Africa 13th September	to South Africa & South America via Manila Straits & Batavia 10th November.

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"HEINRICH JESSEN" from B. Dell & Straits 10th August	to Amoy & Swatow, 11th August to Straits & B. Dell, 18th Aug.
"VAN HEUTSZ" in port	to Amoy & Swatow, 22nd August to Straits & B. Dell, 28th August.

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Arrivals	Sailings
"MEERKERK" in port	to Shanghai & Japan 11th August.
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Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	10th August	m.v. "DONA ANICETA"
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For	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	24th August	m.v. "DONA ANICETA"
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NY Market Bugged Down

New York, August 8. The stock market bugged down last week in a morass of good news. Except for Wednesday the market wandered aimlessly throughout the week. Brokers said concern over what Congress might do in the way of credit and price controls was the main barrier to an active market. Trading hit the lowest level in five months—an almost infallible sign that the market was entirely professional. This happened despite Wall Street's appraisal of the news, which looks like this: Congress is not seriously considering any legislation that could be considered even mildly unfavourable to business interests. The old bugaboo of Berlin seemed to have taken a decided turn for the better. Business was flushed with success. Employment was high, consumer income came high, spending high. The outlook was good to excellent. Profit and sales reports in many instances made the 1947 boom year look like a poor one. But and here is the catch, Wall Street prices are geared to what the market expects in the future—not to what has already happened.—Associated Press.

KAPOK CROP

Washington, August 8. The U.S. Commerce Department says the French Indo-China kapok crop for last year has been officially estimated at 3,300,000 pounds, with close to 4,500,000 forecast for this year. Indo-China kapok exports last year were only 2,500,000 compared with 4,800,000 the preceding year and 7,700,000 in 1938, the peak pre-war year. The Department says in its publication "Foreign Crops and Markets" the quality of the kapok exported through Saigon cannot compete favourably with that of Java kapok and the export market for the former will probably remain satisfactory only until Java kapok comes into the market in sufficient quantity to give competition.—Associated Press.

Washington, August 8. The Federal Reserve reported money in circulation in the United States in the week ended August 4, 1948 totaled nearly U.S.\$28,000,000,000. It represented an increase of U.S.\$100,000,000 in a week but nearly U.S.\$300,000,000 lower than a year ago.—Associated Press.

San Francisco, August 8. The steamer Thistle and Rufe W. Beckham arrived yesterday from Yokohama. The contest sailed for Yokohama.—Associated Press.

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Life is hard for the ordinary people in China, but nowhere is it harder than in Canton, where the cost of living has soared by some 100 per cent in less than two months; electricity rates have gone up 250 per cent, and water and telephone charges by some 300 per cent.

The business of making both ends meet is an urgent problem that is relegating to the background of people's minds even such important problems as the internal war, while reports of currency and other reforms make but little impression.

Canton's citizens have given up hopes of any alleviation of their hardships through direct means; they are looking to the authorities to ease their burdens by indirect measures, such as effective control of prices.

Particular interest is attached to the reported intention of the Governor, Dr. T. V. Isoong, to extend rice rationing to salt, oil, cloth, sugar, fuel and other daily necessities.

Economic conditions are equally difficult in the rural areas of Kwangtung, where the heavy summer rains are adding to the many burdens of the farmer.

Destructive Floods

Floods have already destroyed a considerable quantity of the rice crops and farmers are still feverishly coping with flood waters. The position would have been graver still were it not for the work of the China Relief Mission in repairing and strengthening the province's dykes.

But there is yet another burden that farmers have to bear: tax paying. Farmers pay their taxes largely in kind, and are finding it difficult to do so because they have so little of their crops to spare.

The Chinese authorities are aware of this pressing burden on the farmers. Mr. Aiyang Chu, Mayor of Canton, has sought immediate tax relief measures for Kwangtung farmers.

Many farmers are now deserting their lands, going to cities and towns as casual workers, but usually join the swelling ranks of unemployed.—Reuter.

WHEAT PRICES

Chicago, August 8. Wheat led an improvement in the grain market. Wheat closed 1/2 to 1 1/2 higher. September 22 1/2, December 22 1/2 to 1/4, May 22 1/2, July 20 1/2. Corn one lower to one higher, September 16 1/2, Oats 3/4 to 3/4 higher, September 7 3/4, November 27 3/4.—Associated Press.

Portland, Oregon, August 8. The steamer "Lake Athol" arrived yesterday from Yokohama. The Oregon Mail arrived from Cebu. The Republic sailed for Yokohama and the Canada Mail for Yokohama. The Narrandera sailed for Manila.

Portland, Oregon, August 8. The steamer J. Howland Gardner arrived on Saturday from Japan. Iran Victory sailed for Japan.

Notice To Consignees

s.s. "MUNCASTER CASTLE"

From New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Newport News, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Manila, arrived 7th August, 1948.

Damaged cargo on this vessel will be surveyed in the premises of the China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co. Ltd. between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. on Saturday, 14th August, 1948.

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Money Market

Gold was again inactive yesterday and rates fluctuated within very narrow limits.

Opening at \$332.00 a tael, it closed at \$332.25. The highest and lowest rates were \$333.50 and \$331.75.

Deliveries totalled 8,180 taels, of which 2,180 were official and 6,000 unofficial.

Plastics opened at \$12.23 1/2 a 100 and closed at \$12.23 1/2.

Chinese National Currency opened at 8.2 cents for futures and 9.7 cents for spot (for CNY\$10,000) and closed at 9.4 cents and 9.3 cents respectively.

Ticals dropped to \$24.90 a 100 NEI Guilders improved to \$41.0 a 100.

U.S. dollars continued steady at \$5.43 1/2.

Sterling and Australian pound were unchanged at \$14.33 and \$12.53 respectively.

BOSTON WOOL MARKET

Boston, August 8. Trading on the Boston wool market was almost at a standstill last week.

The Commercial Bulletin said "new wool business in broad sense seems to hinge on receipt of spring civilian goods on which openings are due shortly. In worsteds this will be the first season for a long time over which any uncertainty has existed. In woolsens, the outlook is still dubious, but some wool dealers report anticipations of improvement."

Except for fine woolsens, the situation has deteriorated to the point where apparently the only way it can look upward. The Bulletin said sales cleared by the Commodity Credit Corporation for the week ended July 24 were reported at 8,000,000 pounds. The available inventory was reported at 93,500,000 pounds, against 14,000,000 on July 17.—Associated Press.

Mukden Repatriations

Peiping, August 8. Press reports from Mukden said today that further repatriation of Japanese nationals was planned.

They declared that most Japanese there are mining technicians and their families.

The reports said the repatriates would include a number of Japanese women married to Chinese who prefer to return to their homeland rather than continue suffer the hard life they live in Mukden.—Associated Press.

INVESTIGATING "INVASION"

Manila, Aug. 8. Immigration Commissioner Enrique Fabre arrived in Jolo on Sulo archipelago, southern Philippines, to investigate an "invasion" by 11 sail boats carrying 90 East Indonesian seven Chinese and 78 tons of copra from the Celebes.

The Commissioner said he was making a personal check necessary to forestall the same treatment given 90 Moros of Philippine citizenship by Dutch authorities in the Celebes several months ago.

The Moros, who returned to the islands in late July, complained they were badly treated.

The Chinese and Indonesians were fined \$25 each and are being returned to the Celebes escorted by a patrol boat.—Associated Press.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES HOLDING P. & O. B. I. & E. A. BILLS OF LADING

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5 1/2% Loan (1936) 101%.

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(Loan Sec.) 210 1/2.
Chartered Bank 211 1/2, 212 1/2.
Mitsui Bank Ltd. 214, 215.
Bank of East Asia 18 1/2.

INSURANCE:
Canton Ins. 87 1/2, 88.
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Shanghai (Def.) 70.
Union Waterways 27.

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North Point Wharves 9 1/2, 10.
H.K. Docks 20 1/2, 21 1/2.
China Godowns 22 1/2, 23.
Shanghai Dockyards 10.

MINING:
Ranch Mines 5 1/2.
H.K. Mines 10 1/2.

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.:
H. & S. Hotels 16 1/2, 17 1/2, 18.
H.K. Lands 11.
Shanghai Lands 4 1/2, 4 1/2, 4 1/2.
Humphreys Estates 2 1/2.
H.K. Estates 1 1/2.
Chinese Estates 1 1/2.

PUBLIC UTILITIES:
H.K. Tramways 21 1/2, 22 1/2, 23 1/2.
Peak Trans (Old) 23.
(New) 22.
Star Ferries 13 1/2.
O. Light (Old) 22 1/2, 23 1/2, 24 1/2.
(New) 18.
H.K. Electric 4 1/2, 4 1/2, 4 1/2.
Macao Electric 2 1/2, 2 1/2, 2 1/2.
Sandaan Electric 1 1/2.
Telephones 4 1/2, 4 1/2, 4 1/2.
Shanghai Gas 5 1/2.

INDUSTRIALS:
Cald. Macg. (Ord.) 27.
Canton Iron 7.
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H.K. Ropes 10.

STORES & C.:
Dairy Farms (Old) 4 1/2, 4 1/2.
(New) 4 1/2.
Watsons (Old) 5 1/2, 6 1/2.
(New) 5 1/2.
Lane Crawford 5 1/2, 5 1/2, 5 1/2.
Sincere 5 1/2.
China Emporium C.D. 11.
Sun Co. Ltd. 4 1/2.
Kwong Sang Hong 17 1/2.
Wing On (H.K.) 12 1/2.
Wm. Powell, Ltd. 12 1/2.

MISCELLANEOUS:
China Enterprises 4 1/2.
H.K. Constructions (Old) 1 1/2.
(New) 5.
Vibros (Old) 10 1/2.
(New) 8 1/2.
Marsman Investments 11 1/2.
Marsman (H.K.) 1 1/2.
Shanghai Loan 4 1/2.

COTTONS:
Ewe 15 1/2.

RUBBER, ETC., COMPANIES:
Anglo-Java 5 1/2.
Cheng Rubbers 7 1/2.
Consolidated Rubbers 8.
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Padang Rubbers 1 1/2.
Rubber Trusts 3 1/2.
Siam Rubbers 1 1/2.
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Shanghai Rubber 1 1/2.
Tahiti Rubber 1 1/2.
Tebong Rubbers 3 1/2.
Zanzibar Rubbers 3 1/2.

COTTON DEALINGS
New York, August 8.

Export and domestic distribution of American cotton in the season ended July 31 was about 2,200,000 bales lower than the preceding season. The new work cotton exchange service reported exports totalling 2,050,000 bales against 3,450,000 the preceding year. Domestic consumption was 9,225,000 compared with slightly over 10,000,000. Carry-over increased nearly half a million to 3,000,000. This would be 3,000,000 more than last year.—Associated Press.

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"FOOCHOW" Swatow 4 p.m. 17th Aug.
"SINKIANG" Singapore, Palembang, Samarang, Sourabaya, 5 p.m. 21st Aug.
"DAVIKEN" Batavia 4 p.m. 22nd Aug.
"DAVIKEN" Bangkok, Saigon, Bangkok 4 p.m. 24th Aug.

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"SHANGHAI" Korea, Japan 7 a.m. 10th Aug.
"FENGTEIN" Swatow 7 a.m. 10th Aug.
"SHENGKING" Swatow 7 a.m. 10th Aug.
"FOOCHOW" Swatow 7 a.m. 10th Aug.
"SINKIANG" Singapore, Palembang, Samarang, Sourabaya, 20th Aug.

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Latest Olympic Results FAR EAST ATHLETES' SHOWING

China Wins Basketball

London, August 8.
China defeated Switzerland by 42 points to win the third championship "cup" of the Olympic basketball today. The Swiss fought well and prevented the favoured Chinese team from gaining a larger majority.
The better trained Chinese side outlasted the Swiss although they did not extend themselves and played a slow game.
China will meet Britain tomorrow and should have no difficulty in winning. Top scoring honours in today's game went to John Sung Yuan, who scored 17 of China's points.—Reuter.

First Olympic Week

London, Aug. 8.
The first week of the 1948 Olympic Games has ended in triumph and swimming Olympic history. The outstanding personality has been the Dutch diver, Fanny Blankers-Koen, mother of two children, Mrs. Fanny Blankers-Koen with three individual victories, one a new world record—and a major part in her team's women's relay victory.

Her unselfishness in putting her team before a chance to win the women's high jump on Saturday and with it her times clinched her popularity with the crowd, which each day filled the stadium and brought the total attendance for the record breaking sporting event to over 850,000, with still another week to go.

The American swimmer of every men's swimming and diving team was not unexpected, but the eclipse of the famous Finnish long distance runner was by their near neighbours from Sweden was a surprise to everyone but the Swedes and the Finns themselves.

The South American countries, some of whom were competing in Olympics for the first time, showed that in the future they should have to be taken into account. Their hope of 1952 Olympic victory was driven home when a stocky Argentinian, D. Cabrera, took the marathon—blue ribbon of the Olympic—on Saturday after a race packed with drama, which reached its height when E. Gailly of Belgium led the way to the stadium on tired and blistered feet and was too exhausted to win the race.—Associated Press.

RELAY PHOTO FINISH

London, August 8.
American Olympic officials today turned to the official motion pictures in the hopes that they will erase the disqualification in Saturday's 400-metre relay.

The Yanks won the relay race easily but the victory was given to Great Britain because officials ruled that the Americans, Barney Ewell and John Wright, had not passed the baton within the required 20 yards.

The Olympic jury of appeal, which has final authority, has arranged a private showing of the films on Monday. It should be easy to see the alleged infraction in pictures taken from the pit only a few yards away.
Meanwhile, Ewell and Wright both backed the coach, Dean Cromwell, in his protest against the ruling which gave Britain its first track relay victory although the team finished second behind the United States anchor man, Mel Patton, Harrison Dillard ran the third leg.

"I am sure I was inside the passing zone," said Ewell, "I know the films will show that clearly." Wright said he was also certain that he took the baton before passing the zone's white line and Cromwell continued to insist that the stick was passed despite apparent fumbling and when he had taken only about 12 yards.
In addition to a reversed decision, the American only other solid hope for a gold medal on Monday was in the eight oared rowing event at Henley, on the Thames.—United Press.

QUIST BEATEN BY VEGA

Mexico City, August 8.
M. Vega, the Mexican Olympic champion, beat Adrian Quist of Australia, by 3-0, 6-2, 6-2, in the fourth match of the Davis Cup American zone final here today. With one match to go, China beat Australia 3-2, today, to play Australia leads Mexico by three to one.—Reuter.

Korean Boxer Beats Austrian

London, August 8.
Soo Ann Han, of Korea, was an easy winner over R. Gausterer, of Austria, in the Olympic fly-weight boxing eliminating competition today.
He forced the pace from the first bell and soon had his opponent in trouble with damaging left hooks to the body—one of which sent the Austrian down for a count of eight in the first round.

He had Gausterer down for another count of eight again in the second round, the third round being fairly quiet with both men using up.

M. Thunt of Burma got through the flyweight preliminaries by beating Canada's Sandulo while the last of these bouts between Leslie Handunge, of Ceylon, and G. Porteiro, of Uruguay, was a contest in style.

Handunge was the more stylish boxer and relied on a rapid left while Porteiro concentrated on tear-away tactics which resulted in several warnings. Handunge was a master of p-fighting.

The bantamweight contest between India's Nandu Lal and Pakistan's Ali Monterio was one-sided with the Indian out-punching and out-boxing his left-handed opponent.

Zareaf of the Philippines was out-boxed in his bantamweight

Olympic Rowing

London, August 9.
Olympic results: Rowing—single scull. First: Maryn Wood (Australia), time 7 minutes and 24.4 seconds.

Second: Rossi (Uruguay), 7 minutes and 28.2 seconds.

Third: Romille Sasteta (Italy), 7 minutes and 5.4 seconds.

Rowing Pair—coxswain: First: Finland, Denmark (P. Petersen, stroke, T. Hendriksen, bow and C. Andersen, coxswain), time 1 minutes and 0.5 seconds.

Second: Italy (G. Streffe, A. Farleo and A. Radi, coxswain) 8 minutes and 12.3 seconds.

Third: Hungary (A. Szendel, B. Zsolt and R. Zsolt, coxswain), 8 minutes and 25.2 seconds.

Olympic results: Rowing—pairs without coxswain: Final: First: Britain (J. Wilson, stroke and W. Laurie, bow), time 7 minutes and 21.1 seconds.

Second: Switzerland (H. Calt and J. Calt), 7 minutes and 23.9 seconds.

Third: Italy (P. Banetti and B. Boni), 7 minutes and 31.5 seconds.

Britain won by one length with two lengths between the second and third.

Olympic results: Rowing—Four with coxswain—Final: 1st United States, time 6 minutes 50.3 seconds. 2nd, Switzerland, 6 minutes and 53.3 seconds. Third: Denmark, 6 minutes and 50.0 seconds.

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All-India Olympic Final?

London, August 8.
An India-Pakistan final for the 1948 Olympic hockey tournament was being forecast today by those who have seen these two teams in action during the preliminary series which ended last night.

India and Pakistan have been the outstanding teams in the event, not only because of their high scoring and comfortable victories, but because of their brilliant individual play. No other team can match them for the spectacular way they carry the ball down the wings, dodging opponents and flicking it from one to another, or seizing upon every chance they get in the scoring area.

Given fairly dry conditions, the teams from the Indian subcontinent play wonderful hockey, but there is one factor to be remembered—London's unpredictable weather.

This week-end has been wet and miserable, and the forecast is for continued unsettled weather. This may be decisive in deciding the scales in favour of Great Britain, who present the strongest challenger to the Indian and Pakistani teams have.

Playing against Spain in wet muddy conditions on Friday night, the Indians found their stick work lacked the certainty it had on the dry turf in earlier games.

Those without boots seemed to slip easily on the greasy ground and the team's speed also suffered. It is only to be expected that the Pakistan team will be affected in the same way under similar conditions.

Such conditions have not affected the British team as much. A heavier combination, relying more on team work than on individual play and familiar with wet grounds, Great Britain may find these conditions will suit them well. Certainly a shrewd player like Norman Borrett, the English captain, who has been brilliant at inside left this week, will be quick to seize any advantage which should come his team's way.

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League Baseball Scores

New York, August 8.
Today's Major League baseball scores were:

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis Cardinals	4	7	0
Philadelphia Phillies	1	0	0
Cardinals	p. Dickson	c. Wilber	
Phillies	p. Blinnets	dubel	Hough
Bakers	c. Beninick		
St. Louis Cardinals	4	8	2
(nightcap)			
Philadelphia Phillies	3	8	0
Cardinals	p. Munzer	Braske	Wilks
Phillies	p. McIntosh	Nabern	c. Beninick
Pittsburgh Pirates	2	8	2
New York Giants	6	9	0
Pirates	p. Riddle	Lombardi	c. Fitz
Giants	p. Jansen	Jonas	c. Cooper
Pittsburgh Pirates	5	7	3
(2nd game)			
New York Giants	4	5	2
Pirates	p. Chene	c. Klutas	Viss
Giants	p. Blinnets	Trinkle	Konikow
Phillies	p. Post	c. Conner	
Cincinnati Reds	2	0	1
Brooklyn Dodgers	10	0	0
Reds	p. Williams	Greer	Blackburn
Dodgers	p. Hatten	c. Campanella	
Chicago Cubs	3	9	3
Boston Braves	6	10	0
Cubs	p. Bower	Hick	Schelling
Braves	p. Volante	c. Mad	
Philadelphia Athletics	7	11	1
St. Louis Browns	5	11	2
Athletics	p. Harlick	c. Frank	
Browns	p. Schwamb	Stephens	Wid
Phillies	p. Beninick	c. Mos	
Boston Red Sox	8	13	1
Chicago White Sox	1	7	2
Red Sox	p. Parnell	c. Batta	
White Sox	p. Gumpert	Gillette	
Peasoun	c. Trech		
Boston Red Sox	1	10	0
(nightcap)			
Chicago White Sox	2	12	1
(11 innings)			
Red Sox	p. Hushon	c. Tabetta	
Batta			
White Sox	p. Harbo	Monster	
Robinson			
Washington Senators	3	11	1
Detroit Tigers	5	8	2
Sensors	p. Wynn	c. Evans	
Tigers	p. Newhouse	c. Wagner	
Washington Senators	5	11	1
(nightcap)			
Detroit Tigers	8	8	2
Senators	p. Thompson	Perlick	c.
Orie	Evans		
Tigers	p. Parnell	c. Swift	
New York Yankees	6	12	0
Cleveland Indians	8	9	2
Yankees	p. Shea	Page	c. Naphos
Indians	p. Zeldak	Kilman	Palve
Christopher	c. Hegan		
New York Yankees	1	5	0
(nightcap)			
Cleveland Indians	2	4	1
Yankees	p. Porterfield	Byrne	c.
Naphos			
Indians	p. Gromek	Kilman	c. Hegan
United Press			

ATHLETES' LEAVE

London, Aug. 8.
Many of the 1,200 athletes in the Olympic camp in Richmond were busy today with preparations for their departure while others went out for excursions.

The first party to leave tomorrow will be the Russians followed by Swedish, Norwegian and Finnish. The departing squads include Swedish track and field athletes and swimmers, Finnish athletes and swimmers, and Norwegian marksmen, athletes and wrestlers.

On Tuesday movement orders will be given to the Danish track and field men, hockey players and swimmers, while the Swedish wrestlers and a big group of Norwegian athletes are scheduled to leave on Wednesday.

Some 350 of the camp's inhabitants went this afternoon in eight double-deck buses to an orchestral concert at the Royal Albert Hall.

The Finnish team was invited to lunch by a British paper manufacturer and was to attend a reception given by the Finnish Minister, Mr. E. Vuori, in the evening.—Associated Press.

TENNIS RESULT

The tennis match between the Chinese and the British in the Davis Cup Division 1 was played yesterday at the C.C.C. Club, which was won by the Chinese 3-2. The final score was 3-2.



HIS NAME a secret until the last moment, John Mark, medical student of St. Mary's Hospital, London, carries the Olympic torch into Wembley Stadium at the official opening of the games on July 29. AP Photo.

LEADERS IN COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

London, August 8.
The leading six places in the County Championship table up to and including matches which ended on Friday are:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	N.D.	Pts.
Derbyshire	21	10	5	5	1	136
Glamorgan	20	10	4	5	1	132
Surrey	19	10	5	3	0	124
Yorkshire	19	9	3	7	0	124
Lancashire	21	8	2	12	1	116
Middlesex	20	8	5	8	0	112

(Surrey's points include eight for a win on the first innings of a one-day match.)

The leading six in first class batting averages:

	In.	N.O.	R.	Highest	Av.
Washbrook	30	4	1,892	200	71.61
Hutton	31	4	1,764	176 not out	65.33
Town Pearce	31	5	1,490	211	57.30
D. Campbell	37	5	1,825	252	57.03
A. Kemp	36	5	1,794	167	54.80
J. Crapp	34	6	1,458	127	51.89

The first six in first class bowling averages:

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
J. Bailey	849	282	1,649	97	17.00
G. Pope	998	171	1,724	100	17.24
C. Gladwin	805	222	1,832	108	17.28
L. B. Munster	1,001	318	2,084	120	17.36
J. H. Wardle	989	365	2,131	118	17.80
J. Young	918	354	1,712	93	18.40

—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA OUT FOR 321 RUNS

Manchester, August 9.
Lancashire had scored 42 runs for the loss of two wickets at lunch time today, after dismissing the Australian tourists for 321 runs.

Pollard, Lancashire's fast-medium bowler, gave Ian Johnson and Tallon some uncomfortable overs with the new ball when the Australians resumed their first innings at 272 for seven but the first success fell to Greenwood.

After a glorious cover drive to the boundary, Tallon edged the next delivery for a slip catch when the eighth stand had added 65. Pollard earned a well deserved wicket when he held a hard return catch from Johnson at the second attempt.

Ring made a few forceful strokes but when Toshack tried a big hit against Pollard, he edged the ball to mid-off and the innings closed for 321.

Scores:
Australians—1st INNINGS: Washbrook, not out; 22; Baxter, M.A. Wahab, W. Cunningham, A.R. Razack, S.J. Pollack, A.O. Madar (Skip), 22 (Skip), 20; J. Rowan, A.H. Seaman, T. Grimes, A.K. Omar, C. Boydell, A.M. Rumsjohn (Skip), 14 (Skip), 49; A. Stevens, I. Khalil, F.K. Pattinson, A.R. Rahman, A. Mullen, S.S. Hussain, W. Madros, S.M. Rumsjohn (Skip), 24 (Skip), 17; Totals, 80, 60.

LANCASHIRE—1st INNINGS: Washbrook, not out; 22; Place, A. Ring, b. Lindwall, 5; Edrich, c. Tallon, b. Lindwall, 0; Ring, not out; 9; Extras, 17; Totals, 42.

Extras: 17. Total for two: 122.

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ENGLAND'S FIFTH TEST ELEVEN

London, August 8.
The England team for the fifth and final Test match against Australia at the Oval, commencing on Saturday will be selected from the following 12 players: Norman Yardley (Yorkshire), Captain, W. Edrich (Middlesex), G. Dawkes (Middlesex), R. T. Simpson (Nottinghamshire), L. Hutton (Yorkshire), G. Washbrook (Lancashire), Denis Compton (Middlesex), T. G. Evans (Kent), Alec Boucher (Surrey), Eric Hollis (Warwickshire), J. Young (Middlesex) and A. Watkinson (Glamorgan).

The England selectors have named four newcomers among the 12 from whom the team will be selected. They are: J. G. Dower, Cambridge University and Middlesex left hander, R. T. Simpson, Warwickshire slow leg break bowler, and Alan Watkinson, Glamorgan's left hand all-rounder.

The inclusion of new blood in the side is an official acceptance of the fact that, having lost the Ashes and the rubber, English cricket must look to the future and promising talent given a chance to prove themselves against the best opposition in the world.

Five of the 13 nominated for the Test have been dropped. They are Ken Cranston, Dick Pollard, Jim Laker, Jack Crapp and Emmett.—Reuter.

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